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The name of the parish dates from 1770, when the governor and Council assembled, January 26, 1771, erected a county by the name of "Chatham County and St. Bartholomew's Parish." It was named for that champion of liberty and of Americans' rights, the Earl of Chatham. The town of Pittsboro likewise is named in compliment of that same Earl of Chatham, William Pitt (1708—1778), and since it was laid off in 1785 it has been the county capitol. Before the Revolution therefore and from the beginning of the Country's organization, St. Bartholomew's Parish existed in name at any rate.

In those days of the "Regulators", rebellion and revolution the church as an organization was simply postponed, until order and government could be established. No official record of religious interest is recorded until 1821, when the church people were visited and ministered to by two Missionary clergymen Rev. Thomas Wright and Rev Wm. Hooper. The town by this time had quite a number of Church families from the lower Cape fear section, who had come first on account of the salubrious climate in the summer. But many of them had by this time bought land and made permanent settlement here. The Hill family, seemed to be among the first church people firmly established here, who were just as much concerned to have the Church also firmly established.

We find in the record that two Hill brothers, Dr. Fredrick J. and Dr. Nathaniel, signed the contract for building the church on October 15, 1831; which read as follows:

BUILDING CONTRACT.

"Articles of agreements, between Nathaniel Hill and Fredrick J. Hill on behalf of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the one part, and Martin Hanks and Wesley Hanks of the other part. Witnesseth, that the said Martin Hanks and Wesley Hanks for and in the consideration of the sum of eight hundred and fifty dollars do agree to build in the town of Pittsborough for said church a house of worship to be completed according to a plan, which together with the estimates are hereunto annexed for the better understanding of the parties—the church to have the requisite number of pillars and to be enclosed to the extent of a quarter of an acre with a neat pailing at least four and a half feet high. All materials except the glass to be furnished by the said contractors. The building to be one foot and a half from the ground at the lowest point, and the said Nathaniel Hill and Fredrick J. Hill to hereby promise and agree to pay to the said M. and W. Hanks on the completion of the building whatever sum of money that may be raised by subscription

for said church previous to the completion of same, and the said contractors may collect on the subscription as soon as the building shall be raised whatever amount they may be able to collect and in the case of inability to pay on the part of any of the subscribers the said Nathaniel and Fredrick J. Hill do hereby guarantee the amount of such subscription, and the said M. and W. Hanks do hereby bind themselves to have said building completed ready for delivery according to the contract by the first day of June next. Witness our hands and seals this 15th day of October A. D. 1831.

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| N. HILL      | (Seal)  |
| FRED J. HILL | (Seal)  |
| MARTIN HANKS | (Seal)  |
| W. HANKS     | (Seal)" |

In addition to the amount of \$850.00 paid to the contractors as per contract an additional sum amounting to \$275.12 was paid to the contractors making the total cost of the church \$1,125.12. Glass and putty, bought in Boston, delivered at Wilmington by water, then freighted by wagon to Pittsboro amounting to \$33.11. The receipted bill has the following notation on it: "The above amount paid by Dr. Fred Hill, and is this much more than his portion of the Church Building Fund."

#### THE HILL FOUNDERS OF THE CHURCH AT PITTSBORO:

The Hill family is so connected with the early history of St. Bartholomew's Church, that a sketch of them is considerably of interest at this time. The earliest records show that John Hill's will was dated at Pittsboro August 7th 1812. In this will he leaves his "Western lands or the warrant I am entitled to as an officer of the Revolutionary Army," to his two sons, William and Fredrick Jones Hill and the funds arising from his claims on his grandfather's estate in Boston.

The Hills came to this country from England in 1635, having been noted as far back as 1480 for their wealth and culture.

The first one of the family to come to North Carolina, was William Hill, who graduated from Harvard in 1756 at the age of 19. He came to Brunswick, North Carolina at the invitation of Josiah Collins and was always very zealous for the independence of the colonies. He married Margaret Moore at Orton on the Cape Fear River, where they lived for many years.

William Hill is referred to by Col. Waddell in his History of New Hanover Co. as having been the only Lay Reader at St. Phillip's Church at Brunswick. Josiah Quincy when on his tour in 1773 mentioned being his guest, and hearing him read the service at St. Phillips, and says of him "tho a Crown officer, a man replete with sentiments of general liberty and warmly attached to the cause of American Freedom". He died August 1783 and is buried at St. Phillip's churchyard.

He left four sons:- John, an officer in the Revolution who fought with Greene at Eutaw Springs and continued in active service until peace was declared and the army disbanded in 1783; Nathaniel, a

graduate of Edinburgh and a distinguished physician, William Henry, a member of congress and first District Attorney for North Carolina, Thomas, "a planter and cultured gentleman."

It might be of interest to give the names of the four Hill brothers' plantations, both near Wilmington and at Pittsboro, where they later came,

#### On the Cape Fear River

Hilton  
Hyrneham  
Rocky Run  
Fairfields

John Hill  
Thomas Hill  
Nathaniel Hill  
William Hill

#### At Pittsboro

Oakmont  
Hailbron  
Chatham Hall  
Belmont

Thomas Hill was a member of the House of Commons in the State Legislature from Chatham County in the year 1819 and also again in 1826. He was born at Orton Plantation on the Cape Fear below Wilmington, in 1770 and is buried at Hailbron, near Pittsboro, N. C.

Dr. Fredrick J. Hill, son of John, was one of the organizers of the Wilmington and Weldon R. R. Co., in 1835; which when it was built, was the longest railroad in the United States. Dr. Hill was born in 1790 and owned Orton plantation which was built in 1725 and is still standing. He improved and enlarged the house and is referred to by Dr. James Sprunt in his "Tales and Traditions of the Lower Cape Fear" as "a rice planter, an intelligent gentleman, and a princely citizen who was noted far and near for his elegant and refined hospitality." He also owned a beautiful home in the city of Wilmington and a fine estate "Kentucky" near Pittsboro.

He was a strong advocate of public education and was called in Wilmington "the father of the Common School System in North Carolina." This was probably due to his having introduced and furthered a bill in the legislature for the establishment of Common, or Public Schools (See Noble's History of the Public School System of N. C. page 58-59). The Alumni Register of University of North Carolina shows Dr. Fred J. Hill, physican from Wilmington an Orton-Planter, State Senate 1835, member of House of Commons 1836-38, honorary member North Carolina Medical Society 1851".

Dr Hill was always active in the work of his church as is shown by his attendance at conventions, and he was elected trustee of the Episcopal School at Raleigh for 1838-1839. He was also elected as delegate to General Convention by the Diocesan Convention of 1845.

In his will which is dated March 3rd, 1860, he bequeaths to Bishop Atkinson of the Diocese of North Carolina his town house and lot in Wilmington and 20 acres outside of the city "in trust and for the use and benefit of the poor orphans of the State of North Carolina", also the sum of \$10,000.00 for the same purpose, to be paid to the Bishop or his successor, after the death of his wife.

He also directs that his executors are to pay to the Wardens and Vestry of St. Bartholomew's Church at Pittsboro, North Carolina on the death of his wife, the sum \$4,000.00, but he directs that the interest from this sum be paid regularly to the said wardens and vestry from the

time of his death to be used for the benefit and support of the church. Thus we see another evidence of the zeal of this good man for his beloved church and especially is this interest shown in the church he helped to found.

Dr. Hill is buried in an unmarked grave in Oakdale Cemetery in Wilmington, in his own private family lot, he having died in 1861.

It would seem most fitting that a memorial should be placed in St. Bartholomew's Church at some future date, to Dr. Hill recording his life and service, so that they who come after may read and be inspired to do likewise.

### THE FIRST RECTOR

In the same year the contract was let for building the church, the first rector Thomas F. Davis, was ordered Deacon in St. James Church, Wilmington; and assigned to charges at St. Bartholomew's Pittsboro and Calvary, Wadesboro. Evidently he had energy, for he presented for confirmation nine persons when the bishop visited Pittsboro on Nov. 9th 1831. And he and the bishop officiated in the Methodist Church on that occasion. In March 1832 the bishop came again and laid the Corner Stone of the new church, assisted by Rev. Messers G. W. Freeman and Jarvis Buxton and the rector. In December following, the young rector, who had been married in April to Miss Ann Moore, had the first Ordination service in the new church. The candidate advanced to the Priesthood was himself, and the bishop was assisted by Rev. Messers Buxton, Green and Polk.

Bishop Ives evidently expected to consecrate the Church on that same occasion, but it had to be postponed because of alterations of the desk and pulpit, until June 9th, 1833.

So interesting a character was this first rector both here and throughout his ministry, that a special sketch of him will appear later in this volume, which was written by special request, by his granddaughter in faraway Texas.

Suffice it to say, that Mr. Davis and his bishop did not agree on "Churchmanship", and to avoid unpleasant opposition he removed shortly after the church was consecrated (June 9, 1833) to South Carolina, where he later became a bishop himself. Bishop Ives also made a move later, to the Roman Church.

In his convention report of 1834 bishop Ives read as follows: Agreeable to appointment, I proceeded to Pittsboro, where on the morning of June 9th, the first Sunday after Trinity, 1833, with the assistance of Rev. Messers Freeman, Buxton and Davis, I consecrated to the service of Almighty God, a building by the name of St. Bartholomew's, on which occasion I preached and administered the Holy Communion. In the evening also I preached and confirmed two persons. By this time the parish was in union with the Convention, and it is noted that one Murphy V. Jones attended the Convention, at Warrenton 1833, as the delegate from St. Bartholomew's. Seven persons were confirmed in 1833-34, which with the nine mentioned as of the year '31, made a total of sixteen in the short period of Mr. Davis stay in Pitts-



boro. There were also sixteen baptisms to his credit.

In 1835 Rev. Philip Bruce Wiley, a native of New Bern, accepted a call to Pittsboro, and labored faithfully and well for four years until 1839. During his incumbency it is noticeable in the records that laymen as well as clergy have a very important part in the founding as well as the carrying on of the Church's activities. Besides the two Hill brothers already mentioned as the actual constructors of the church in '32 we find there were four other men who were delegates to the 1837 Convention and who are more and more in evidence in the records as the years go on. The four delegates were named: S. S. Jackson, Henry A. London, John H. Haughton and John B. Jones. Mr. Jackson as a lay-reader, Haughton as founder of the church at Gulf and later as vestryman many years at Pittsboro, and Henry Adolphus London as Warden, then Treasurer for thirty two years, to be succeeded later by his son Henry Armand, and another great grandson Will L. in the same office, Henry Armand and his grandson Henry Mauger, treasurer of the diocese, these and several others made Mr. Wiley's ministry felt and useful indeed. He reported in 1837 that conditions of the church were improving and that a rectory was in process of construction; also that he had preached at a place called the "Gulph" where resided a family strongly attached to the church. Bishop Ives the same year noted his visitation to Pittsborough on June 26-27 saying, "I preached five times and found the parish in advancing state, the services were well attended and an unusual seriousness prevailed." Mr. Wiley took a great interest in christianizing the slaves, on one occasion having baptized twenty three at Deep River. Another sketch of this, "The second resident minister of the parish," will be found further on.

Rev. William Thurston succeeded Wiley in '39, remaining until '45. Still other names of laymen appear as delegates, as Maurice Q. Waddell, Wm. H. Hardin, Dr. Isaac Hall, and Thomas Hill. He visited Gulf regularly each month, "where an attentive white and colored congregation attended the ministration of the Gospel". During the six years he ministered at Pittsborough there were thirty five persons confirmed, of whom some were colored.

A prominent layman, Wm. H. Hardin, it may be noted, had given the glebe land of two acres and twenty poles for the rectory (1836); and in all probability he also had already given a deed for the two acre lot on which the church was built (deed not recorded). If not, then we may well believe that one or both of the brothers who built the Church, Dr. Fredrick Jones and Nathaniel Hill, also donated the lot. A grandson, Rev. Wm. H. Hardin, is a prominent clergy in Rowan County today.

At any rate the rectory had been built and in 1840, September 24, we find mention of payment in full of the one thousand dollars for it, which had been borrowed from the Bank of Cape Fear, Fayetteville, on a note. The note was signed by John H. Haughton Principal, and endorsed by Samuel Jackson, H. L. Holmes, Wm. H. Hardin, M. Q. Waddell, H. A. London as securities.

Rev. John J. Roberts, while a professor at the University also was

a "supply" preacher at both Chapel Hill and Pittsborough for a short period after Mr. Thurston. Mr Roberts reported to Convention in 1847 that St. Mark's congregation at Gulf was ready to be admitted to the Convention; and also stated that a neat church edifice was then being constructed and would be ready for consecration by October. Delegates to their first convention from St. Mark's were listed as follows: Jno. H. Haughton, George Evans, Peter G. Evans, and L. J. Haughton. From Pittsboro two new names appear also as delegates, viz. N. M. Hill and Dr. S. McClenahan. After Mr. Roberts health failed and he went abroad, another Chapel Hill minister came to Pittsboro, Rev. A. F. Olmstead. He and his cultured family were a great addition to the town. When, in 1853, John H. Haughton layman from Pittsborough moved in Convention that a successor be elected to succeed Bishop Ives, the rector Mr. Olmstead was asked to preach the convention sermon; which was ordered printed and distributed in the diocese on account of its being so well done and so important for the interests of the Church.

Other supply preachers from Chapel Hill during the next six years immediately preceeding the outbreak of hostilities between the states may be mentioned briefly here, below. Also another teacher-preacher who lived in Pittsboro a short time, who educated many candidates for the ministry including two of his own sons, Rev. N. C. Hughes.

Before parting from Rev. Mr. Olmstead in this narrative it must be remarked, that he evidently preached to large congregations at both morning and evening services; for the register shows that time after time he baptized both adults and infants at the latter services. Those were the days when old and young, white and colored went to church, religiously. "Their names are written in the book."

#### ANTEBELLUM "SUPPLY" PREACHERS FROM CHAPEL HILL

REV. JOHN J. ROBERTS.—Mr. Roberts graduated at the University in 1838 and after studying two years in France, he was Professor of French for two years at the University, 1841-42. During this period he preached to the unorganized congregation at Chapel Hill and was also the supply preacher at St. Bartholomew's.

After leaving Chapel Hill he was principal of Female Schools in Mass. and in New York City.

RT. REV. WILLIAM MERCER GREEN:—Chaplain and Proffessor of Belles-Letters at the University (1837-1849). Dr. K. P. Battle in his History of the University says, "Mr. Green was a good teacher as far as he went but his heart seemed to be more in his clerical duties than in his department. In 1842 he organized the congregation and started building the first Church in Chapel Hill". The Church was consecrated in the Fall of 1848. We note from our old Parish Register that the Rev. Mr. Green married Miss Charlotte I. Flemming, December 16, 1835 in St. Bartholomew's Church at Pittsboro. Mr. Green, it may be noted, was born at Wilson, N. C. May 2nd, 1798, graduated at the University 1818, was Rector at Hillsborough 1825 and after twelve years of service at the University he became in 1849 the first Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi. He died in 1887. His grandson of the same name, is the

present Bishop Co-adjutor of Mississippi.

REV. FORDYCE M. HUBBARD:—Born in Conn., and an Alumnus of Williams College, Mass. He was professor of Latin at the University 1851-53. For a time he had been Rector of Christ Church, New Bern, also Principal of Trinity High School in Wake County. He was a so-called "High Churchman" and tolerant towards Romanists as Protestants. In 1869 Archbishop Hughes, invited to give the Baccalaureate Sermon, was entertained in excellent style by Prof. Hubbard. For years he was a teacher and Chaplain in St. John's College, Manlius, N. Y. In old age he returned to North Carolina and lived with his son-in-law, Col. Thos. M. Argo in Raleigh. Here he added to his reputation as a scholar of wide culture and writer of elegant English

REV. JOHN T. WHEAT:—Chapel Hill 1853-56, took the place of Rev. William M. Green. He was born in Washington, D. C. on Nov. 15th, 1801. Studied at Alexandria Seminary. Ordained by Bishop Kemp of Maryland. While Rector of Christ Church, Nashville, Tenn., he was recommended by Bishop Otey for the chair vacated by Green. He was an active, energetic professor, and his family added much to the social attractions of the village.

After Mr. Olmstead left in '51 and the church had been supplied by the Reverend college professor chiefly, until 1857, Mr. Hughes came and stayed through '59. His relatives in Pittsboro, the Ihrie's, and a host of friends and kin throughout the state loved and honored this scholarly gentleman. A bare record of personal items about him, by his granddaughter, Mrs. G. K. G. Henry of Chapel Hill is gladly inserted here, as follows:

DR. NICHOLAS COLLIN HUGHES

by Mrs. G. K. G. Henry, his granddaughter.

Dr. Nicholas Collin Hughes was born in Merion, Pa., on March 24th, 1822. At the age of fourteen he entered the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in four years, third in the class. On completing his course at the General Theological Seminary in New York, he came to New Bern, North Carolina, where his brother, Dr. Isaac Hughes, had settled.

In 1848, he married Miss Adeline Edmonds Williams, daughter of Dr. Robert Williams of Pitt County. Two sons of this union are now clergyman in the Diocese of North Carolina, Dr. N. Collin Hughes at Hendersonville, and Rev. Isaac W. Hughes of Henderson.

Dr. Hughes did missionary work in Craven, Pitt, Lenior, Beaufort and Wayne Counties. In 1850 he went to Chocowinity where he founded Trinity School. For about two years, just preceding the war, he was in charge of the Church at Pittsboro, ('57-'59.) During the war he was Rector of the Church in Hendersonville. In the fall of 1865, he came back to Chocowinity, resumed his work at Trinity School and took charge of St. Peter's Church at Washington, N. C.

During his rectorship there, the present church building was erected. He resigned in 1873 to become headmaster of the Grammar School at Sewanee, Tenn. He returned to N. C., taking charge of St.



Andrew's in Greensboro, and nearby Missions, about 1876-78.

In 1878 he returned to Chocowinity and with his son, the Rev. N. C. Hughes, D. D. revived Trinity School.

(Quotation from an address delivered by Bishop Cheshire, on the fiftieth anniversary of the Rev. Robert Drane, D. D., as Rector of St. Paul's, Edenton.) "About 1878 the Rev. N. Collin Hughes D. D., the elder 'clarum et venerabile nomen', began Trinity School, Chocowinity with the devoted and self sacrificing co-operation of his son, worthily bearing his father's name, they carried on the school for nearly thirty years, between them; to the untold benefit of that section of the State, and of the Church at large.

No other school for boys in North Carolina has ever done such a work for the church. They wrote their names in the life of the Church in this state." The last years of his life he was Principal of Trinity School, and rector of St. Paul's, Greenville. He died May 20, 1893, and was buried at Old Trinity, Chocowinity.

### WAR-RECONSTRUCTION

The War-Time Rector, Dr. Sutton. 1860-1879,—19 years.

By R. G. Shannonhouse.

Such a long ministry in one parish in any circumstance would justify an extended account in a Church record. No ordinary rector could stay so long. Patriotic organizations have written volumes of the secular and political personage of that most trying and critical period of the state's entire history, and some few students and writers of history have recognized the important services rendered by the Church and its heroic ministers to preserve the most precious elements of life, to bind up the wounds and to give courage and faith to go on with a reconstruction of the whole order of living; but there is yet an opportunity for a great story to be written by some one like St. Paul, who knows the meaning of "spiritual discernment". When the story of this section of the state is mentioned it may be safely said that Dr. Sutton will qualify as the ideal type of whom most will be told. As a rector in the threefold duties of Priest, Pastor and Preacher, his equal has not been yet called to this parish. Added to these duties he was the founder and principal and teacher in a very important week-day school. He published a school paper. He served as a missionary visitor and preached at the County Poor House, in addition to official services regularly at Haywood, Swann's Station, St. Mark's the Gulf, and Sanford in Moore County. In Pittsboro alone he had a regular communicant list of fifty one persons, in 1865, and ten refugee communicants from the east. With all such activities he must have been an object of obligatory charity at that time, for he wrote in 1865: "since the surrender of General Lee no collections have been made in consequence of the almost entire absence of money from the community."

In 1864 or '65 Mr. Sutton visited the Army of northern Virginia as a missionary and served part of his time with the brigade of Gen. Lane, near Petersburg. One of his Pittsboro vestrymen, brave Capt. W. L. London was in the fighting in Virginia also, and when home on



furlough on account of a severe gun wound in the shoulder was married in the church by Mr. Sutton, to Miss Caroline Haughton. It was the first time he had worn a coat with both sleeves on since he had been shot.

In the next few years additional names of useful laymen are listed as delegates to various conventions. Often they were father and son of the same name. For instance, H. A. London, and H. A. Jr., John Manning, Esq. and John C. B. Denson, L. J. Haughton, Benj. Howzw, Hon. Abraham Rencher.

In the convention of 1873 Mr. H. A. London, Jr. proposed a diocesan organization for providing funds to support families of deceased clergymen; and he was named Secretary of "The Laymans' Clerical Aid Society".

Up to the year 1875 the Church was a rectangular shaped building, with side and rear galleries, and with a chancel railing extending out into the nave instead of the present arrangement of a "recess chancel". A large pulpit stood in the center of the chancel with the altar or table. In the above year, the last marriage performed before the alterations was that of John C. James to Sarah Sage Cowan; and the first marriage afterwards in June 1875, was that of Henry A. London, to Elizabeth Louisa Jackson. In the same month also Robert N. Winston was married, at the bride's home, to Eva Rencher, daughter of Governor Rencher.

Referring to the large pulpit, it is told by old folks that on a certain occasion the special preacher named Forbes, was of such diminutive stature that he stood on a stool, in the pulpit, in order to be seen by the congregation. He had entered the pulpit from the vestry room which was behind the pulpit. As Mr. Forbes announced his text, "And now a little while and ye shall see me, and again a little while and ye shall not see me" the stool suddenly slipped from under him and he disappeared from view, as he fell to the bottom of the steps.

Mrs. A. H. London's sketch of Dr. Sutton, further on, please read.

The closing years of Mr. Sutton's ministry at Pittsboro, the late '70's, were the hardest years in this state for everybody, for "reconstruction" takes time. Bitter poverty was one of the great enemies not only of what we call material progress, but also of education, enlightenment and religion. However, for the purpose of this brief chronicle the writer wishes to say only this. Dr. Sutton was never whipped by poverty; and what is more to the point and is some times not mentioned, his loyal and devoted flock led by valiant old soldiers who might have been outnumbered but never conquered, also were never whipped in their support of the Church and the adequate taking care of their rector. The minutes of the vestry and the treasurer's book of those nineteen years of war and reconstruction is, on that account, a precious legacy to this parish forever, as a document that proves extraordinary faithfulness, duty and devotion to things that glorify God, co-equal with the record of the minister's services and sacrifices for the same end.

Rev. Edmond N. Joyner '79-'83.

Rev. Wm. Walker '83-91.

Rev. Franklin L. Bush '83-91.

Rev. Chas. T. Bland '92-03.

Rev. Thad. A. Cheatham '03-05.

These five rectors, covering twenty five years, may well be grouped together, for there was no break in the continuity of their services or the quality and quantity of their labor. Each one, by special request, has a sketch written by himself or by some one very dear to him in the following pages. The only comment the writer will add will be very condensed. Mr. Joyner, for instance, was afire with Missionary zeal. He sought authority from the vestry and the bishop to establish Missions in five different points in this, and neighboring counties. One of them was firmly established and has continued in uninterrupted aliveness nearly fifty years. That was the mission of St. James for colored people, within the bounds of this parish, which this minister now serves.

The vestry first rented a room in the Ramsey Hotel for their use, then bought an old church, and finally aided in building a new church. Which happened during the time when Rev. William Walker was rector, and his brother-in-law Rev. F. L. Bush was his assistant. These two men in about eight years baptised so many people, young and old, white and colored, that it took ten pages in the register to record the names. One hundred and ten baptisms and forty five confirmations. Methodical, scholarly, faithful and liberal were these gifted men, whose lives a blessing to this parish and community.

Rev. C. T. Bland also established a permanent Mission, St. Thomas', Sanford, which was then in Moore County, in 1895; a very pretty memorial window was erected in the chancel of the present church in Sanford, in 1929 by the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Bartholomew's, in honor of both Mr. and Mrs. Bland, and for the Glory of God.

Rev. Thaddeus A. Cheatham, is still loved by and loving Pittsboro very deeply, because it was his first charge, he was ordained and married here, and performed his first priestly office here. He served several summers here when vacationing from other work. His brother likewise. Rev. Whit Cheatham, was a locum tenens in 1914, and started the successful campaign to get the pipe organ.

#### FROM 1905 TO 1919, VARIOUS MINISTERS.

The next five year period there was no settled rector, but the bishop sent here two men in succession for "experience". Which for the parish might have been called an "experiment", that did not produce brilliant results. Another minister in this period, afire with the evangelistic and personal missionary spirit accomplished two notable things. He moved a Mission across town in Sanford, where it almost died for lack of nourishment, and he took a young lady out of the ranks of this parish and started her on a notable career as a missionary worker in the diocese.

Undoubtedly one reason the parish's settled ways were so disturbed during these years was because there was a world wide disturbance brewing, and actually came about in terrific intensity when the Great War broke out in 1914. This country and the rest of the world were demoralized and despiritualized for several years by the world war, and

literally "the powers of the earth were shaken". The records of this parish show that it had a difficult time to keep up interest, and to secure regular ministrations of "regular" ministers. They show that Rev. N. C. Hughes, Archdeacon, supplied here a little over a year, also that neighboring rectors, Rev. Francis Joyner of Louisburg, Cyprian Willcox of Raleigh, Whit Cheatham, James Simmons, and W. L. Mellichamp all officiated here, as well as the times and circumstances permitted.

One more minister only to be mentioned before the present rector, was Rev. W. E. Allen, who was sent here by the bishop just after the "Armistice" i. e. in 1919. He and his family were the first to occupy the new rectory which was built in 1920, as another evidence of another "Reconstruction" period. The old rectory had been sold that year for \$2,500 to R. L. Sutphin, and Mr. A. H. London, as a "committee of one," financed and built the new rectory, as ordered by the vestry. Mr. Allen was active and popular in Sanford also, and made the first real move towards reconstruction work in that Mission by selecting and buying a more desirable location for a new church, which was finally built. Mr. Allen left the state in 1922 to accept a call to Beaumont, Texas. At present he is located in the diocese of Maryland

#### THESE LAST EIGHT YEARS' DOINGS.

This scribe and rector cannot determine which is the more fortunate circumstance for him, being rector on the 100th Anniversary or coming here in the first place. Obviously it is a double good fortune.

After becoming somewhat seasoned in the ministry, having held charges at Statesville, Union and later Edgefield, S. C. and Fitzgerald, Ga., in all more than a score of years, it was a genuine personal gratification to be called to this parish of so well known fine traditions and sound standing.

My native state, my nearby alma mater, my earlier associates all about me within easy access, made the situation very attractive indeed. During these 8 years all these ties have been strengthened; and many more of the deeper and more precious ties of service, and spiritual fellowship and a broader and deeper appreciation of human relationship have been added. Background, is a word that is a mockery if counterfeit but as applied to a parish, tested for 100 years and not found wanting is like pure gold. Pittsboro has it. The Church, thank God, reflects it in her membership.

When I first came here in January 1924, Sunday services were to be equally divided between Pittsboro and Sanford, with occasional services to be held at St. Mark's, Gulf; also once a month at the Co. Home, in the afternoon. This caused me a lot of traveling, almost a thousand miles a month, because after all a good pastor has a lot of house to house and personal work to do as well as preach. Sanford was also very much in need of a new church and a new location after a long period of decadence. A campaign of five years was required, and a tremendous amount of visiting and correspondence, in order to get it under way, but finally the new church was built, as is narrated in the chapter on St. Thomas' Mission. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Robards led the

congregation in raising funds all over the diocese as well as in Sanford; and both Bishop Cheshire and Bishop Penick were generous and encouraging in that undertaking, and appropriated as much as could be spared from the Holt Fund to meet the annual installments due on the debt balance of nearly two thousand dollars. So the Church is almost clear of debt, and in a year or two will be consecrated.

Likewise at St. Mark's Gulf, much work had to be done to the long neglected Church and premises. New roof, painting, kalsomining, and other work that was led by Mr. J. J. Hooker and largely paid for by him. Another person who was deeply and generously interested in Gulf was Miss Ida Cowan. She has written an account of this old Parish, which after all was the second to have a place of worship in the county of Chatham, albeit it was a Private Church. The little square school building near the church was first used as a Chapel.

In 1831 for the first time in history, a change was made in the care of the Mission at Sanford, whereby it was to be no longer connected with St. Bartholomew's Parish, but to be linked with Emmanuel Parish, at Southern Pines. Moore County perhaps will be proud hereafter to reclaim the Mission which was in Moore County before Lee was formed. In giving up Sanford, the rector was asked by the Bishop to take care of St. James Mission until circumstances justify other arrangements. Which arrangement enables him to concentrate his efforts in one community instead of trying to do the impossible thing of trying to live in two towns at the same time. Another chapter in this story on St. James Mission, should be read carefully in order to realize the fine background he encountered there on account of the founders and early ministers of that Mission, whose members a hundred years ago were members of St. Bartholomew's Church.

There has not been much change of personell in the vestry in these eight years. Two new members having been added by gain from other denominations: Capt. J. W. Hunt and Alex Riddle; and two also by natural generation, that is W. L. London and Thomas Morgan. Mr. D. L. Bell was and is still the Secretary and Superintendent of the Church School. One who was here a year or two as Treasurer of the Vestry and Superintendent of the School we all miss very much, that is Woodson Lea Powell. Both Capt. Hunt and Alex Riddle have also passed away very recently, and their places have not been filled.

In the Church School and Anxiliary work, another very useful member returned here to her old home to care for an elderly mother and an aunt, is Mrs. James Cordon, nee Betsy London. George Taylor and his family from Atlanta, is another example of how Pittsboro natives always return home at the first opportunity. Lots of them have been born and brought up here only to go elsewhere for business opportunities. But no matter where they go they are always real Missionaries in the true sense of the word. Which explains why we are not apologizing for not having a larger town and a larger congregation.

RT. REV. THOMAS FREDRICK DAVIS, D. D.

By his granddaughter, Mrs. Elinor Gaellard Porcher.



Thomas Fredrick Davis was born near Wilmington, N. C. February 8th, 1804. His ancestors were rice planters on the Cape Fear River, but later removed to Wilmington. He was educated at Chapel Hill, entering a preparatory and boarding school at the age of ten. Four years at the school and four more at the University of North Carolina completed his education.

After his graduation, he studied law at Wilmington where he was admitted to the bar and practiced with success for six years. During that time, he married his first wife, Elizabeth Fleming, by whom he had one son, Thomas Fredrick Davis, Jr., who was first honor man at the University of North Carolina and later entered the ministry.

The early death of his young wife, turned Mr. Davis to the Church and the ministry. He was ordained a Deacon at St. James Church Wilmington, by Bishop Ives. The following year he was ordained to the Priesthood in the town of Pittsboro and the Church of St. Bartholomew on the 16th day of December, 1832.

The ministry of his diaconate and the first year of his priesthood was spent in hard, fatiguing missionary work. The towns of Wadesboro and Pittsboro were 100 miles apart, and in each of these he gave services on the alternate Sundays, driving in a sulky from one to another during the week. He had now married again. His second wife was Ann Ive Moore of Wilmington. She always accompanied him on his drives and when the question was once asked, where they lived, she answered truly "On the road". The fruits of this active work were the establishing of Calvary Church, Wadesboro, and the building and consecration of St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsboro. This was in 1833.

He then removed to Wilmington where he was rector of St. James Church for three years. His health broke down and he had to rest for a year when he removed to Salisbury where he was rector of St. Luke's Church for ten years. He also ministered to congregations at Lexington and Mocksville.

His views on Churchmanship differed so greatly from that of his bishop, that rather than continually oppose him, he left the Diocese of North Carolina, accepting a call to Grace Church, Camden, S. C., in 1846, whither he went with his wife and his family of six children.

Here he served as rector for six years, when he was elected Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina. During his rectorate, he received a call to St. John's Church, Fayetteville. While he was considering the acceptance of this call, some of the citizens of Camden, not of his church, came to the vestry and pledged themselves to assist in every possible way so as to keep him in the community.

He was elected Bishop at the Convention that met in Charleston in May, 1853. The Convention of North Carolina met soon after this and as they were also without a bishop, there were many who were disappointed that they had been forestalled as there was a strong chance of Mr. Davis being elected to that Diocese.

He was consecrated, together with Bishop Atkinson of North Carolina in New York, October 17th, 1853. He took his seat for the

first time as Bishop at the Diocesan Convention in January 1854 on his fiftieth birthday.

Severe nervous debility from which he had suffered all his life was the cause of his blindness, which in spite of the best medical and surgical care at home and abroad became total blind about 1862.

In spite of his blindness and frail health he fulfilled all the duties of his high and difficult office, traveling continuously over the diocese accompanied by one or the other of his two daughters.

He never murmured, because of this terrible affliction, and he declared repeatedly, that if it were God's will to restore his eyesight, he himself would hardly consent to give up in exchange those spiritual blessings which in his blindness had been given him.

He established a Theological Seminary in Camden, with ten students, one of whom was the distinguished Dr. William Porcher DuBose of Sewanee. He had two sons in the ministry, Rev. T. F. Jr. and Rev. F. Bruce Davis.

The burden of restoring the Diocese after the devastation of the Civil War, and the loss of twenty of his clergy, told greatly on his frail body and weary mind. In 1870, he asked for an Assistant Bishop.

Nearly two years later, he died suddenly at his home in Camden on December 2nd, 1871. In the cemetery of Camden is a marble shaft with the words, to Bishop Davis. "Stablished, strengthened, settled by his wise administration, the Diocese of South Carolina erect this monument to him in grateful memory."

#### REV. PHILIP BRUCE WILEY

By his granddaughter, Mrs. Isaac W. Hughes.

Philip Bruce Wiley was born in New Berne, N. C., the son of Rev. Rufus Wiley and his wife Penelope Bragg (Aug. 13th, 1804). His father was a pioneer of Methodism in North Carolina but the son turned to the Church early in life, and later studied for the ministry of the Church.

He married Claudia Catelle Mulrine Hamilton Gregory, October 26th, 1826, in Elizabeth City, when he was 22 years old. He was ordained to the ministry at the age of 25 years, in St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, by Bishop Ravenscroft, May 24th, 1892, during a Church Convention in that Parish. In May 1929 a Centennial Celebration of that Convention was held, and at the same time the ordination of Rev. Philip Wiley was memorialized and the sermon which was preached by Bishop Ravenscroft, at his ordination was read.

Almost immediately after his ordination he was called to St. John's Church, Fayetteville and served there as Rector. He lived for a number of years in Wadesboro. He was rector of St. Bartholomew's Parish 1835-39. A year later he died and was buried in the Church yard at Pittsboro, with his tomb under the shadow of the Altar where he had given his faithful service; and where he had known many joys and many sorrows. A daughter, Claudia, is mentioned on his tombstone.

He left a wife and six children, only three of these living to be grown. They were: Philip Bruce Wiley who married Lydia Wetmore;

Sarah, who married David Anderson; and Penelope who married Dr. John Swann. Dr. and Mrs. John Swann also lived in Pittsboro. He also died in early life and is buried in the Church yard at Pittsboro. All of the decendants of the subject of this sketch have remained faithful to the Church of their grandparents and several of the great grandsons bear the name of their faithful and devoted ancestor. His wife, Claudia, was first organist of St. Bartholomew's. She was an accomplished musician, playing on the harp as well as piano and organ. She was a highly educated woman, speaking French fluently. She left a most interesting diary, written, however, before her marriage, part of which was written in French. She was much beloved and lived to a ripe old age, seeing her children marry and live useful happy lives. At the time of her death she had several great grandchildren.

NOTE—by the rector: It is recorded in Battle's History of the University, that Philip Bruce Wiley, a teacher and also an Episcopal minister, received the degree of Master of Arts at the University in 1833. He was at Pittsboro at the same time Wm. Mercer Green was at Hillborough, and just after T. F. Davis had left Pittsborough; both of whom become bishops later. From the record and reputation he made at Pittsboro he also probably would have been a bishop, but for the fact that he died young, only thirty six.

### REV. ROBERT BRUCE SUTTON

By Mrs. A. H. London.

Dr Sutton was received into this Diocese from Maryland and in September 1860 became rector of St. Bartholomew's Parish, serving this parish for nienteen years.

Dr. Sutton combined in his person many gifts, for while he was a most consecrated minister. never neglecting any of his clerical duties, holding all the services of the Church as prescribed in the Prayer Book, yet, always he found time to visit and minister to the sick or those in any trouble in the community. Nor did he confine his ministrations to his own flock, for the services of this Godly man were sought after from every quarter and he answered every call irrespective of creed or color.

Dr. Sutton was called, "The Village Priest".

In the Church register we find records of his having ministered to the needs of many through out the county and in near by counties, also conducting funerals and performing marriage ceremonies.

While rector of St. Bartholomew's, Dr. Sutton served St. Marks Church, Gulf. He reported to the Convention in 1862 that he had held services at Haywood, near Swann's Station in Moore County and at the Gulf.

Among the many talents which Dr. Sutton cultivated was that of carpentry, thus following in his blessed Master's footsteps, and he demonstrated this talent when he made in his own workshop most of the furniture which is now in the chancel of this church that he loved and served so long and faithful.

Having a large family and his salary being inadequate for sup-

port, Dr. Sutton established a school for girls called Locust Hill Seminary, on the site of the present rectory of this Parish. This school he carried on for many years with great success, among his students were many from different parts of the State. There are pupils and many descendants of pupils, who reaped the benefits of Dr. Sutton's teaching and ministry living in Pittsboro today, who rise to call him blessed. The memorial tablet above the vestry room door was given by some of his pupils in loving memory of this beloved man of God.

Dr. Sutton served the people of Sanford, in Moore County, while rector of St. Bartholomew's, baptizing and presenting candidates for confirmation.

During the epidemic of diphtheria which proved so disastrous during the fall and winter of 1876-1877 Dr Sutton's services were invaluable. It was a genuine grief to the entire community when Dr. Sutton accepted a call to the Church in Greensboro and moved there in January 1879 to continue his Master's work. On an occasion while visiting friends in Pittsboro he expressed regrets at having left St. Bartholomew's Parish.

This beloved friend of mankind entered into the life eternal for a higher service in December 1896, and lies buried in this churchyard, back of the chancel, near the grave of his daughter Mary (Mrs. Nathan Steadman of Raleigh) who had died ten years earlier, in 1886.

REV. EDMUND NOAH JOYNER,  
'79-'83.—By Himself.

Ordained to the diaconate in 1873 by Bishop Atkinson at Grace Church Morganton, and served Hickory, Statesville and Newton until he came to Pittsboro in 1879. Here served Pittsboro and Chapel Hill both. A great privilege at Pittsboro was to lead in the establishment of St. James' Mission for the colored people, with that able, busy, lawyer, publisher, public spirited man Henry A. London as a lay-reader and teacher; and his brother, Capt. W. L. London, also securing quarters and later the title for the land. For a time Mr. Joyner went once a month for services at Gulf, usually morning for white people and evening for colored. Also held services at Egypt in the afternoon and at Sanford at night.

When he accepted a call to Yorkville and Rock Hill, S. C., in 1884, he found migrants from North Carolina at the later place, including several of the London kin from Pittsboro, and also the Col. Cadwallader Jones tribe. Never a minute of nostalgia there. Other work added to his care meant another minister to assist him, the Rev. Theodore D. Bratton, now bishop of Mississippi. In 1892 the Board of Missions arranged to support him as an Archdeacon for work among the colored in South Carolina, in which he was blessed with the cooperation of Bishop Capers and of twelve white clergy with Missions in their parishes, and many of the gentle women and the hoi arstoi of the old Palmetto State. He was also Chaplain to a large group of labor unions, for twelve years.



In 1905 Mr. Joyner returned to North Carolina to accept work as General Missionary under Bishop Horner in his Jurisdiction. In 1920 after having various other cares in that section he retired. But Bishop Finally unretired him in 1925 for two or three years more service in upper S. C. until he had a breakdown; and being to the surprise of some of his intimates, apparently of a "retiring disposition" he again retired.

After fifty four years of active service (now enjoying the gracious benevolence of the Church Pension Fund), he has gratitude only, to Our Beloved Lord and his people for the honor and joys of it. And among it all he often recurs to his years in good old Pittsboro, where he was associated with some of the very best, the most loyal and devoted of our Lord's brethren; His faithful soldiers and servants and many others in the community; outstanding in memory for culture, hospitality and christian fellowship. And a crowning happiness would it be to him to share in the tender observance of St. Bartholomew's One Hundredth Birth-day. May it be sunny, within and without; and the Ancient of Days be the Guide all the years yet to come.

Edmund N. Joyner.

(He has passed four score and ten, our oldest living clergyman. The Lord make his face to shine upon him, and be gracious unto him).

#### REV. CHARLES THEODORE BLAND

By his daughter, Alice.

"Numbered with Thy Saints in Glory Everlasting"

Rev. Chas. Theodore Bland was born in Beaufort County, S. C. on the sixteenth day of March 1819, and died at his home in Hickory, N. C., April the twenty-fifth, 1907. He was buried in Lincolnton and rests in the shadow of the Church where he ministered many years ago.

Mr. Bland was ordained Deacon in Aiken, S. C., in 1848, by Bishop Gadsden. After attending a theological school at Valle Crucis, N. C., where he was for several years associated with the rather remarkable company of men gathered there by Bishop Ives, he was ordained Priest, by Bishop Gadsden, Nov. 17th, 1850. About the year 1856 he was transferred to the Diocese of North Carolina, and served in a number of parishes in this Diocese,—Rutherfordton, Wadesboro, Lincolnton, Lenoir, Marion and Pittsboro. May 1st 1903, having reached his eighty-fourth year, and the fifty-fifth year of his ministry, the infirmities of old age compelled him to resign his parish of St. Bartholomew's, Pittsboro and he reluctantly retired as pastor and priest, spending the rest of his life in Hickory.

In May, 1900, upon the completion of the fiftieth year in the priesthood, his brethren, the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese of North Carolina, presented him with a small token of their respect and affection, accompanied by an address handsomely engrossed upon parchment. Perhaps a quotation from that address will best set forth his life and character. In that address his brethren said to him:

"Your ministry has covered more than half of the life of the organized Diocese of North Carolina. You have been intimately as-

sociated with and have enjoyed the affection and confidence of four of our five Bishops. You have been the companion in labor of more than two-thirds of all its Clergy. You have served faithfully in different parts of the Diocese, and during the whole course of your ministry you have shown your readiness to endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. You have adorned the doctrine of God our Saviour, by purity, by humility, by godly sincerity and love. Your brethren see in your life a fulfilment of the Apostolic injunction that a Presbyter should be a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, temperate, holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught."

While doing mission work in the mountain section of the State, Mr. Bland was untiring in his ministration to the poor, the sick, the fallen.

His stipend did not enable him to keep, or hire a horse, and day after day he walked many miles, carrying medicine and food prepared by his wife, into the cabins hidden among the hills.

The sick often begged for "a piece of Mrs. Bland's bread." He baptized their children, ministered to the dying and buried their dead.

Most assuredly will he hear those welcome words: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me"

#### AT SAINT BARTHOLOMEW'S

By Rev. Thaddeus A. Cheatham.

1903-1905

Like many of my contemporaries in the Seminary, I have visions of beginning my ministry with one or two years as assistant in one of the large city parishes. The invitation had come to serve in New York City parish, but when I referred it to Bishop Cheshire, I was told without argument that he had decided to send me to Saint Bartholomew's Parish, Pittsboro, with the care also of the Missions of Saint Pauls, Smithfield and Saint Thomas, Sanford.

I accepted the Bishop's decision without question and the years have brought me a deepened conviction, not only of his wise judgment but of my own good fortune in having the privilege of working in such a Parish.

I was young and full of zeal and enthusiasm, and I have never ceased to thank God for the rare privilege of having as parishioners such loyal and stalwart churchmen as Henry A. London and William L. London, to guide and instruct me. These noble and uplifting friendships were a benediction and their influence has remained with me. Notwithstanding my youth, I was the Rector and was given the deference and respect they thought was due the office.

It is impossible to speak of these two outstanding men without mentioning their wives. Both of them were unusual women, full of good works, and their children are today carrying on the family tradition of loyalty and service to the Church. Time would fail me to speak of the Haughtons, the Hills, the Pilkingtons, and the other active

and willing workers in the Parish.

My first official act was the baptism of Arthur, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. London. Some of the parishoners were much amused by the report that before the baptism I had practiced with a pillow so that I would know how to hold the baby. This baby now having grown up and become a prominent Doctor and Baby Specialist did me the honor three years ago to ask me to officiate at his marriage.

In looking about for opportunities for missionary work, I decided, after consultation with the younger members of the Parish, to hold regular services at the County Home. We solicited enough money to buy an organ and the choir always went along to sing at the services. This feature was much appreciated by the inmates of the Home. At one of these services I was preaching and was greatly inspired by the interest of an old woman who gave me such close attention that I forgot my usual diffidence, and preached, it seemed to me with great fluency and eloquence. I felt that this one person at least was getting something from the sermon. At the close of the service she motioned to me and said, "I aint heard a word you said, I thought I ought to tell you." She had, however, been of greater help to me than she knew.

We had in the Church a very old organ, one of the first to be made with real pipes, and the notes were very rich and sweet; but what gave the organ special interest was the faithful service of Mrs. Lawrence Haughton, a gifted musician who had played it continuously for nearly seventy years. Her beautiful character radiated the same sweetness that she was able to produce from the organ.

A very important event in my own life took place during my rectorship. I went away to Arkansas and brought back my bride. She was welcomed with the greatest cordiality and never a day passed that we did not receive at the Rectory some token of the love and thoughtfulness of our friends. What fun we had "fixing up" the old Rectory and how interested everybody was in the undertaking, and how we enjoyed the shade of those glorious trees as we watched the squirrels and listened to the songbirds.

Saint Bartholomew's was my first work, my first love, and so deep were the ties of love and friendship, that through all the years I have never lost touch with this grand old Parish. Whether I have accomplished very much since I left, I cannot say, but of this I am sure, I had a good start and the memories of my life there have grown more deep and tender with the years.

Note By the rector:—Mr. Cheatham served the churches at Sanford and Smithfield, along with St. Bartholomew's parish. In 1904 he resigned this work to accept a call to Tyler Texas. After a time Bishop Cheshire asked him to come to St. Timothy's, Wilson; where in six months a beautiful new church was completed and much progress noted. After three years at Wilson he went to Pinehurst where he remains until now, twenty five years, with part-year there

that is the winter months, and the rest of the year in care of other parishes. St. Luke's, Salisbury, he served thus for eighteen months, and Calvary Church, Pittsburgh he has served seventeen years.

### SKETCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH.

By Lucy London Anderson (Mrs. John H.)

"O, sons and daughters, let us sing, On this most Holy Day of Days: To God our hearts and voices raise, in laud and jubilee and praise."

In endeavoring to give a brief sketch of some of the people who have made up the Honor Roll of St. Bartholomew's Church for the past century, I shall first quote the words of our beloved Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Joseph Blount Cheshire, whose sainted spirit is with us today. In a memorial address from this Church he gave an admonition to us who rejoice in the heritage we have received from St. Bartholomew's.

"And you, sons and daughters, of those who for a century have been in this Church, the faithful servants and children of the Church, they have adorned its doctrines by their lives, and have sustained its work by their love and labor and liberality; see that you walk in their footsteps and as far as you may be, supply the place of them who throughout their lives have remembered God; with thanks and praise for their never failing devotion to the Church".

While this partial record of the one hundred years of St. Bartholomew's Church is to glorify the Lord and His Church by recounting the long service of some of His faithful followers, yet it certainly must not have all the emphasis laid on the past. For the future is our responsibility, and our great opportunity to show to our children the heritage that is theirs, and the real joy in Service, the one enduring thing in life.

The counsel of St. Paul to Timothy is well for us to heed; "Keep that which is committed to thy trust. Continue thou in the things which thou has learned."

### BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH.

The first governor of North Carolina, James Moore, was the great grandfather of four of the earliest settlers of Chatham County who may be reckoned as the founders of the Church of St. Bartholomew's. They were sons of Margaret Moore and William Hill, the latter of Brunswick, which was established in 1725 before Wilmington was. They were: John Hill, who married Elizabeth Swann Jones; William, married Elizabeth Ashe; Nathaniel married Ist Jane Davis, 2nd Sarah Jones; and Thomas, who married Alice Mabson. (A full account of these brothers appear in the opening pages of this chronicle).

### EARLY CHURCH FURNISHINGS

"I love the House of Thine abode, O, Lord".

A great gift to the Church in its infancy was a pipe organ, from Ann Mager, widow of John London, progenitor of the Londons of the present day. This organ was placed in the front gallery and now



stands near the Chancel as a reminder of those who first gave their service at St. Bartholomew's in hymns of Praise. Two beautiful Chippendale chairs for the Chancel were also given by Mrs. London, treasures from her own drawing room.

The Communion Service, which is still used, was one of the first gifts of the women, made from their own pieces of family silver which was melted for this Holy object.

A handsome marble Font was placed in the Church, which was made by "Lauder" of Fayetteville, a famous stone cutter who came from Scotland to assist in building the second State Capitol, and after its completion he removed to Fayetteville. He was the best marble cutter then in North Carolina.

A beautiful silver altar vase was the gift of Mary Ashe London (Mrs. Thomas Cowan) one of the most saintly women who ever worshipped in St. Bartholomew's. As a girl, Mary London, gave her services as organist at St. James Church, Wilmington, early consecrating her life to the Church. When she, with her husband and children, refugeed in 1862 from their Cape Fear home, "Old Town", to Pittsboro, she became a zealous worker at St. Bartholomew's. Religion was her very life and with prayer book in hand she visited the sick bringing many to the Lord. Mrs. Cowan has left a wonderful contribution to religious literature, a book entitled "Mine Angel Before Thee". This is a compilation by her of texts from the Holy Scriptures, giving the entire Bible story in connected narration, showing the struggles of the world and the promises reserved for the faithful. The book is illustrated with appropriate drawings and shows artistic as well as literary skill. It is dedicated to Bishop Thomas Atkinson, who expressed great appreciation for this beautiful work.

We find from the Parish register that the women of the church had a Bazaar in 1869 and raised \$204.00 as a gift to the Church, a wonderful achievement in those post-war days when every one was without money. An example truly for us today. In a letter now in our possession written June 19th, 1869, by Miss Fannie Thurston London (Mrs. John Taylor) to her sister-in-law, Mrs. John R. London, she says, "the Cantata which we have just had in Pittsboro for the Church, was a success, a great many gentlemen said they had never seen such acting. We raised over \$100. and Grandma Lord sent us \$20 from Wilmington. With what we had left over from the Fair, we have enough now to shingle the roof of the Church and fix the belfry. We expect to have more charades in order to fix the Pulpit".

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#### CHANCEL FURNITURE.

The most significant contribution to the Church furnishings by any individual is the Chancel Furniture, made by the Rev. Robert B. Sutton, D. D., beloved rector. It stands today as a beautiful memorial of his nineteen years of service to this church. This saintly man, like his Master of Galilee, had the talent of carpentry and through many tedious days he carved from native walnut the furniture which still

adorns this chancel. The walnut trees came from Hailbron, former home of Thomas Hill. For the top of the Altar, Dr. Sutton used a leaf of his own dining table. Beside the Altar, he made the chancel railing the Lectern and the two Prayer Desks.

A white marble tablet stands near the Chancel, erected by his former pupils, in memory of this greatly beloved Rector and teacher, who taught every child in the town during the years of the war and after. He was not merely the Rector of the Episcopal Church, but the Pastor of the whole community, ministering to every creed and color. During the diphtheria epidemic, with his eldest daughter, Annie, (later Mrs. Nathan Steadman) he went from house to house giving ministrations. Dr. Sutton kept in constant touch with his brother-in-law, Dr. Lynch, an eminent physican of Baltimore, following his directions in nursing the victims of this terrible scourge.

Dr. Sutton's school, Locust Hill Seminary, (located where now stands the Rectory) was really an annex to St. Bartholomew's, for between lessons this Father in God would teach his pupils the prayers of the Church, so many children of other denominations grew up familiar with the service of the Episcopal Church. (I received the Rite of Baptism from this Godly man and as a child recall his loving kindness). His was a missionary spirit, for not only in Pittsboro, but he held services at Sanford, Chapel Hill, Gulf, Haywood, and Swann's Station.

Side by side with him in service to the community was his devoted wife, Julia Ann (nee Biscoe), who sleeps by his side just behind the Chancel which he had adorned with his handiwork.

While Dr. Sutton was Rector, the Vestry in 1864 offered to the Confederate Government, the church bell of St. Bartholomew's to be molded into cannon for the Army.

#### MEMORIAL WINDOWS

"To the Glory of God".

In the center of the chancel, above the altar, are three beautiful Memorial Windows, which shed a soft glow over the Sanctuary. The one on the left is in memory of John Manning, born December 25th, 1803, died August 13th. 1872; and his wife, Tamar Leary, born February 5th, 1805, died November 20th, 1866. This was erected to his parents by John Manning, Jr. The design brought out in this window is the Font, typifying the door of the church. The subjects of this Memorial were from Edenton, who removed to Pittsboro prior to the War, to live with their son, John, who was practicing law here. John Manning Sr., entered the U. S. Navy in 1819, rising to the rank of Captain, commanding the U. S. ship Bainbridge. After his retirement, he was able to give his services to the church of his inheritance and was a consistent communicant of the same. Tamar Leary Manning (his wife) was the daughter of John Leary and Sarah Haughton of Chowan County. Mr. and Mrs Manning are buried in the cemetery of St. Bartholomew's.

The central window shows the Good Shepherd with a lamb in

His arms. This is in memory of Annie Laurie and Ross Ihrle, Jr. erected by their parents, Ross R. Ihrle and his wife, Mary Ann Haughton Ihrle.

The other of the three central windows shows the Chalice and the Paton of the Holy Eucharist and is in memory of Sally Margaret Lord (Mrs. Henry Adolphus London) born Mar. 17, 1814, died Nov. 3rd, 1857. It was erected by her son John R. London. At the age of 43 this devoted mother passed to the Beyond, leaving to her ten children her Christian Faith. Sally Lord London was the daughter of William C. Lord and Eliza Hill of Wilmington, the latter's father, John Hill was one of the Hill brothers who first came to Pittsboro.

A Chancel Window at the Eastern side contains the Cross and the Crown with this inscription "We shall also reign if we suffer with Him". It was erected by Mrs. Thomas Hill, (Eliza Toomer), in memory of her children, Sally C. Hill, born April 6th, 1842, died July 22nd, 1863; and to her son; Joseph, born April 28, 1844, killed in battle during the Confederacy December 14th, 1862.

Nearest the chancel on the left is the memorial window bearing the figure of St. Bartholomew, Patron Saint of this Church, with the following inscription; "To the Glory of God and in Memory of Henry Adolphus London, Born April 9th, 1808, died November 27th, 1882. For many years Lay reader and Senior Warden of this Church". Erected by his son, William Lord London. The subject of this memorial is one who gave spiritual power and strength to St Bartholomew's Church. Born in Wilmington and marrying Sally Margaret Lord of the City, he came to Pittsboro in 1838, seeking a higher climate for his delicate young wife. They raised a family of ten children who have carried on the faith handed down to them by this God-fearing couple. The older brother of Henry A. London, John London, was one of the six Laymen who organized the Diocese of North Carolina in 1817, to which a tablet in Christ Church, New Bern, testifies, (where the organization convention met). For nearly fifty years Henry A. London was Vestryman and Senior Warden and thirty-two years Treasurer of St. Bartholomew's and a constant attendant at Diocesan Conventions. He was Lay Reader for the Parish until his death. Practicing what he preached, he exemplified his religion, not by words, but by deeds. Every ready to help the needy, to relieve suffering, to comfort the distressed, he was beloved by people from over the whole county. Never seeking political office this Christian gentleman served his fellow man by countless deeds of trust, his greatest happiness was in doing for others. As a little child, I can remember his gentleness and love of the beautiful in nature. He it was who ever kept flowers on the Altar. Until his illness of 18 months preceding his death, his daily round on his white horse was a familiar sight, taking delicacies to the sick. In his obituary it was said of him, "He illustrated the beauties of the Christian religion and the influence of his life will ever be felt and remembered." His children, following his example, were mighty oaks in the service of God and their State.

On the right of the chancel is a memorial window erected in loving

memory of Ann Mauger London (Mrs. Lawrence Haughton), for sixty six years the beloved organist of this Church. Born July 6th, 1835, died February 16th, 1916. Very fitting is the subject of this memorial, St. Cecilia, the Patron Saint of Music. This beautifully executed piece of workmanship was designed by her nephew, Frank Marsdon London. There are few women of St. Bartholomew's who have left such an example for good as she did, for her life was a blessing to all who knew her.

She brought from the small pipe organ, given by her grandmother, Ann Mauger London, beautiful and churchly strains, such as only one inspired with love of God could give, and her sixty six years of service as the organist is the best memorial to this woman of blessed memory. With her music did she praise the Lord and all that was within her praised His Holy name. The oldest daughter of Henry Adolphus and Sally Lord London, she earnestly kept the faith handed down to her.

Next is a window in memory of Ross R. Ihrie, M. D., born in Easton, Penn. March 24th, 1828, died June 28th, 1889. The inscription typifies the character of this churchman, "Full of Good Works". A christian gentleman, member of the Vestry from 1860 till death and delegate to Diocesan Conventions for years, Dr. Ihrie was faithful to every trust. He served as a Colonel in the Confederate Army. This memorial was erected by his widow, Mary Ann Haughton, who has left an heritage of christian character to their children.

Mrs. Ihrie was the daughter of John H. (and Mary Ann Williams Haughton) whose parents established the Church at Gulf, Chatham County. She was for years a leading member of the Choir at St. Bartholomew's and was the first president of the Thompson Orphanage Guild, afterwards the Woman's Auxiliary. She was a loyal and zealous worker in every activity of the Parish, contributing generously to every cause. It was while attending a church general convention in San Francisco in 1901 that this Christian woman passed to the Beyond. Her devoted children have placed a Baptismal Font to her memory in the Church at Smithfield, where one of her daughters was a Communicant. Mrs. Ihrie gave to the Smithfield Church the Alms Basin in memory of her husband, Dr. Ihrie.

Erected by his parents is a window in memory of Peter Ihrie, born June 20th, 1858, fell asleep August 12th, 1881. The inscription is, "We Praise Thee, Oh God, We acknowledge Thee to be the Lord". The window depicts the Crucifixion. This young churchman gave freely of his services to the Church and was an example of uprightness. Especially in the Choir was he active.

In the center of the east side of the Church stands a beautiful memorial window depicting the parable of the Faithful Servant, which bears the following inscription; "To the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of William Lord London, April 3rd, 1838, November 30th, 1916. Well Done Thou Good and Faithful Servant".

When this memorial was placed in the Church, Bishop Cheshire



paid deserved tributes to this man who for years had labored so earnestly for the good of St. Bartholomew's. The Bishop, his friend, says ((in part); "William Lord London was the son of Henry Adolphus London and Sally Lord London, both of distinguished Cape Fear families, inheriting the best culture and traditions of that section. In character, in useful and honorable service and in devotion to his ancestral church and to all good works he worthily represented the best qualities of his distinguished ancestors. He served in the Confederate Army with gallantry, Captain of the Chatham Riflers, the first company in the County, and was wounded three times. In '65 he was promoted to Adjutant-General of his Brigade.

William London made no parade of his benefactions, but he was continually contributing to some religious, charitable and public objects. Few persons had any idea of the good he did without any ostentation, but many needy persons will never forget his help and kindly sympathy. He was one of the most trusted citizens of his community and a leader of men. He was Vestryman of St. Bartholomew's for forty-seven years and Senior Warden from 1883 till his death, 1916, having succeeded his father in that office. For many years he represented this Parish in the Diocesan Conventions. He was again and again the unanimous choice of this Convention as one of its Lay Deputies in the General Convention. In 1864 he married Miss Marie Caroline Haughton, of the same sound old North Carolina stock as himself and had the happiness of seeing five manly, Christian sons growing up around him, and making honor and integrity as well as useful service, and live in the admonition of the Lord. I pray God that they may ever keep his memory by following his example and that they be reproductions of him in devout and devoted Churchmanship."

(Let me add to the Bishop's words that William Lord London's son, Arthur Hill London, now Senior Warden of St. Bartholomew's, is representing the name most worthily and is truly a "strength and power to the Church". His son, William Lord London, is the third generation serving as Parish Treasurer.)

On the western side of the Church stands a window showing the Resurrection scene, with the following inscription; "In loving memory of our parents, Henry Armand London, March 1st, 1846, January 19th, 1918; and Betty Louise Jackson, April 24th, 1853, July 2nd, 1930. They were baptized and married in this Church. The Victory of Life is won, Alleluia."

It can be added that these devoted communicants of St. Bartholomew's were also buried from this Church. Bishop Cheshire and Penick assisted the Rector in this service. The following tribute given by Bishop Cheshire on the dedication of this window, briefly gives the character of Henry Armand London: "An able and distinguished lawyer Henry Armand London served his people and his State with advantage to them and with honor to himself, in various positions of trust; and was known throughout North Carolina as one of her most useful, capable, upright and patriotic citizens. Few were

more widely known or more universally esteemed. Brought up from infancy in the Church and by family tradition from colonial days, associated with the most interesting and important events in the history of the Diocese, he was from boyhood a loyal and devoted churchman. He sustained all departments of his work and interests by his devoted service, illustrating the Church's teachings in a pure and Godly life. He had been for 50 years a Vestryman, the Treasurer 48 years, the Secretary 35 years and Lay Reader for many years of his Parish. Upon the death of the Senior Warden, William L. London in 1916, the Rector nominated Henry Armand London to that office. This he declined, preferring to remain Treasurer until his death, and Arthur Hill London succeeded his father as Senior Warden. Henry A. London was a faithful and useful member of the Diocesan Conventions and was ever ready to respond to any call for help or service of the Church. His was one of those quiet and effective lives necessary to christianity. As a boy soldier of the Confederacy he followed Lee to Appotomottox. He leaves a large family of sons and daughters to inherit his good name and to continue his faithful service in the Church and State. Gratitude to God for his life gave the best comfort in his death." (His mantle has worthily fallen on his oldest son, Henry Mauger London, who has served the Diocese as its Treasurer for the past fourteen years. A grandson, Henry Ridgway Fell, of Trenton, New Jersey, is studying for the Ministry.)

Of Bettie L. Jackson London it has been truly said, "all who knew her and many knew her not. are better that she has lived." This woman lived in the "sunshine of God's love" and from early childhood was a devoted Communicant of this Church. Ever a friend for the needy and friendless, her heart was full of warm human sympathy and her Christian character showed in every act of her long life. She inherited from her grandfather, Samuel Spencer Jackson (for many years Lay Reader at St. Bartholomew's) an abiding love for the Church of her Faith and was active in various Diocesan offices. In his Memorial address Bishop Cheshire pays loving tribute to this very remarkable woman, whose influence extended throughout the State. In closing her family Record Bettie London says; "In establishing our home, my husband and I made our Family prayers the Keynote of our whole life, so that, by their early home training, our children would pass on to theirs, this same religious influence to enable them "to do their duty in that state of life in which it has pleased God to call them". Thus only will we feel that our union has been blessed to raise our children as faithful soldiers unto their life's end."

Truly do we, her children, "Rise up and call her Blessed"

The next window is in memory of Fredrick Swann Davis, Dec. 2nd, 1817, October 22nd, 1874; and to his daughter, Lizzie Watters Davis, March 17th, 1874, July 18th, 1875.

The last window in the Church is in memory of Eliza Lutterloh, born April 1794, entered into rest February 18th, 1875. "Ave Maria Grati", is inscribed thereon. As Eliza Comerford of Wilmington this

young woman visited in the home of Col. Edward Jones at Rock Rest near Pittsboro and met and married Charles Lutterloh, whose place adjoined. After her marriage she was confirmed by Bishop Ives, the service taking place in the Methodist church in 1831, this being the first confirmation recorded in the Parish Register. (It is of interest to note that the Methodists, whose church was built in 1827, gave the use of it to the Episcopal congregation during the building of their Church.)

### OTHER MEMORIES

On the left of the chancel there was long ago erected a marble tablet with the following inscription; "In Memory of Martin Hanks, a most devout and exemplary Christian, and a Communicant of this Church. Born October 15th, 1798, fell asleep in Jesus, July 1st, 1878. Let me die the death of the Righteous and let my last end be like His."

"Uncle Martin", as every one in the old town called him, was the builder of this Church and put his whole heart into the building of it. He was later confirmed in the Church through the influence of the Rev. Robert Sutton, who made the chancel furniture in his shop.

The double oak doors to the Church were given by his wife, Ann Mauger London, in memory of Lawrence Haughton, inscribed on them being, "Faithful unto Death". Mr. Haughton was a consistent Communicant of this Church, and a most generous contributor to all its activities. He was the son of John and Mary Hooker Haughton of Chowan County who was a successful planter.

A handsome brass Alms Basin and two smaller silver plates were memorials from her sons to Caroline Haughton London (1839-1923), wife of William Lord London and daughter of John H. and Alice Hill Haughton. Verily a mother in Isarel to the Parish this fine Christian woman lived her faith in God. She was Treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary from 1893 until her death, and it was she who always kept the communion Silver and Altar Brass beautiful, and the linen spotless. Her flowers adorned the Altar vases and she truly served as a Priestess in God's House. Coming from a family of Staunch Churchmen, Caroline London inherited her Faith and has passed it on to her children. She was one of the most generous benefactors of the congregation, always ready to supply whatever was needed for the Church. Generous with this world's goods, she helped the poor and was a friend to the suffering. Many memorials testify to the love for St. Bartholomew's of Mrs. Wm. L. London and her devoted husband.

The brass cross on the Altar was given by Mr. and Mrs. W. L. London in memory of their son, William Lord London, Jr. who died (10)

at Sewanee University at the age of eighteen, July 4th, 1890.

The walnut Credence Table and walnut Alms Basin were also given by Mr. and Mrs. W. L. London in memory of their little daughters, Alice and Carrie. The brass Altar Vase, the walnut chancel seats and

iron gates at the Church Yard entrance are also gifts to the Church from Mr. and Mrs. W. L. London.

The walnut pulpit, in keeping with the other Chancel furniture, is in memory of John Haughton London (March 9th, 1869; January 30th, 1917) and was given by his brothers, Hal, Arthur and Frank London.

The seven-branch brass candelabra for the Altar are in memory of Frank Marsden London, Jr., (1906-1910) son of Arthur Hill and Elizabeth Foushee London, the gift of his parents.

The brass Processional Cross is in memory of Frank M. London, Jr., the gift of his uncle, Frank M. London, Sr.

The large Lectern Bible is the gift of Mrs. Ann Mauger London Haughton and Mrs. Mary London James, in memory of their father, Henry Adolphus London. It replaced the original Bible (now in the Vestry room) which is dated 1791.

The large chandelier hanging from the center of the Church was given by Dr. and Mrs. Ross R. Ihrie, in memory of their son, Walter.

#### OTHER GIFTS.

The site of the present Rectory, adjoining the Church property, was given in 1847 by Patrick W. Dowd. This was used for some years as a Church School, Locust Hill Seminary.

Dr. Ross R. Ihrie gave a small office adjoining the old Rectory lot to be used as a Rector's Study

The super Altar was the gift of John R. London, (son of H. A. London, Sr.) devoted Churchman and founder of the Church in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

Walnut hymn tablets were the gift of Rev. William W. Walker, Rector, who made them from native wood.

The Bishop's Chair was a gift of the Sunday School.

The Altar Rug was made by hand by Mrs. A. M. Haughton.

The curtains which still hang in the Vestry room were the gift of Mrs. Franklin Bush (nearly fifty years ago) the wife of a dearly beloved Rector of St. James Mission in Pittsboro.

In 1914 Rev. Whit Cheatham (brother of Thaddeus A. ), an energetic "supply minister," was instrumental in having a large pipe organ placed in the Church. This organ was a gift of relatives of those Churchmen and Churchwomen who are on the Honor Roll of St. Bartholomew's, this might be considered a memorial to many long laid to rest who have worshipped here. When the new organ was installed the old one was not discarded, but still holds a place of honor opposite the larger (electric) one. Ever since the installation of this organ Nellie Pilkington (Mrs. Victor Johnson) has been the very efficient organist. The wife of the Rector, Mrs. Royal G. Shannon-house, directs the Choir, composed of young people from the whole community, leading them with her lovely voice.

An antique pine chest of drawers for the Vestry Room, as a receptacle for the Church linen is the gift of the present Rector, Rev



Royal G. Shannonhouse, whose christian leadership is holding St. Bartholomew's Church to the high standard set by its former Rectors.

The Church has been remembered in the wills of Mr. William Lord London, Judge Thomas B. Womack, Mrs. Henry A. London, Mrs. Ann Mauger Haughton, and the William London estate has recently given land to enlarge the cemetery around the church.

A recent generous contribution to start the fund for the Sunday School building has been given by Miss Gertrude Bush, as memorial to her father, of blessed memory, the Rev. Franklin Bush, Rector of St. James' Mission.

### INTERESTING MARRIAGES.

The first marriage recorded in the Parish Register was that of its first Rector, Rev. Thomas F. Davis to Miss Ann Moore, April 10th, 1832, before the Church was consecrated. Mr. Davis was later Bishop of South Carolina and both he and his bride were residents of Wilmington.

Another early marriage of note was on December 16th, 1835, when Rev. William Mercer Green was married to Miss Charlotte I. Fleming, also among the summer residents from Wilmington. Mr. Green was later Bishop of Mississippi. (His grandson of the same name, is the present Bishop Co-adjutor of Mississippi.)

Of interest too, are the marriages that were solomized in this parish during the '60's when war was taking the young men to the front and many of these consummated in haste as soldiers were returning home on furloughs. Among these were; June 4th, 1861, Thomas N. Hill of Scotland Neck to Eliza Hall, at the residence of John Manning, (Miss Hall's brother-in-law).

On Jan. 4th, 1863, Claudius B. Denson of Virginia to Margaret Matilda Cowan. This marriage took place on Sunday morning just before services, as the groom had received orders to join the Company of which he was Captain. Without time to prepare a trousseau, the lovely little bride put to use some of her pre-war finery and walked to the marriage altar with as queenly grace as do the brides of today who have months of preparation. After the marriage this couple took their seats in the congregation and went through the morning service.

On November 11th, 1863, Dr. Peter G. Snowden was married to Eliza Cathrine London. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Adolphus London. Catherine London wore her war finery with as proud an air as do the girls of today with much preparation beforehand. Their daughter and her husband. (Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hawkins) are earnest church people in Jacksonville, Fla., but spend their summers in Pittsboro, where they are devout worshipers in St. Bartholomew's.

On January 23rd, 1864, Dr. William F. Harlee of Anson Co. was married to Carthema E. McRae of Plymouth.

On November 14th, 1864, Capt. William Lord London to Marie Caroline Haughton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Haughton. When this marriage took place finery was becoming scarce and with the

blockade closed, brides had nothing with which to prepare a trousseau. I have heard this bride of the '60's tell how she borrowed slippers from one cousin, a veil from another, and renovated old wedding dress, so that she was resplendent in made-over finery and very happy to be so clad as she walked to the altar with her Confederate Captain (on furlough) just recovering from wounds of Gettysburg.

On February 22nd, 1865, Harrington Pope of Newberry, S. C. was married to Della Williams, at the residence of Dr. Chas. Williams. Miss Williams was the daughter of John Barber Williams, whose plantation, Logville Hall, was three miles northwest of Pittsboro.

### THE CHURCH YARD.

Bid them Thy Host encamp around, this chosen spot of Holy ground. Here let calm hope with memory dwell, and faith of Heavenly comfort tell".

Around this dear old Church is a Grave Yard, hallowed in memories for all who have loved ones resting here to await the Resurrection. The planting of this section of "God's Acre" is a memorial to Henry Adolphus London, for loving nature through nature's God," he beautified this Church Yard with trees, shrubs, flowers and many box bushes. For many years there was a closely trimmed cedar hedge on each side of the walk from the gate to the Church. Dogwood and holly trees were left throughout the Cemetery, a beautiful holly still stands over the grave of Henry London. In the Spring time the snowy blossoms of the dogwood gives almost a spiritual whiteness to the Grave Yard. The blue of the periwinkle vine makes a lovely carpet under foot and a covering over many of the old graves. In former days lilacs hung over the high brick wall which encircles the Church Yard. For one hundred years, the original planting has flourished and we who leave those dear ones sleeping in this peaceful spot rejoice in its quiet loveliness.

### OLD GRAVE STONES, AND NOTABLE PEOPLE.

Well may we feel that "the grave itself a garden is, where loveliest flowers abound".

Among the graves are names of men distinguished in the State's history, a brilliant array of churchmen. Let us briefly mention some of those buried in this Cemetery whose names are not recorded in memorials within the Church. The fact that there were two interments before 1833 is evidence that the Grave Yard was begun before the Church was completed. The oldest tombstone here is that of William Boylan (1806-1828), a handsome table monument made in New York. This brilliant young graduate of the State's University died at his Buck Horn plantation, south of Pittsboro, his father being the Hon. William Boylan of Raleigh, progenitor of the well known family of that name.

The next oldest grave stone is that of John Waddell, (1770-1830), he being a member of the distinguished Waddell family of Colonial and Revolutionary fame.

One of the most illustrious of the notable personages buried in this old cemetery is Col. Edward Jones, (1762-1841), born in Lisbon, Ireland, brother of Wm. Todd Jones, the Irish Patriot. Col. Jones, a lawyer, trustee of the University of North Carolina, was unanimously elected by the Legislature as Solicitor General of North Carolina, an office created for him for life. In 1795 with his wife (Mary Elizabeth Mallett) of Fayetteville, he moved from the Cape Fear section to Chatham County, where he built an elegant home, Rock Rest, north west of Pittsboro.

Besides eleven children of his own, Col. Jones adopted nine, among these being Johnston Blakeley, famous Commander of the War of 1812. A direct descendant of Bishop Jeremy Taylor, he gave to his children the highest example of Churchmanship. His four daughters married men who brought honor to the State. They were: Charlotte, who married Hon. William Hardin; (his first wife was Marie, daughter of Thomas Hill) Elizabeth to John Eccles, of Fayetteville; Frances to Rev. William Hooper (grandson of the Signer of the Declaration of that name); and Louisa to Gov. Abram Rencher of Pittsboro. Col. Jones dispensed lavish hospitality at Rock Rest, and in his later years suffered financial reverses, due largely to his great philanthropy, so that his talented daughters established a select girls' school in Pittsboro. It was called "Kelvin Academy", situated in a beautiful grove of oaks (later the home of Capt. and Mrs. Claude B. Denson and now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bell). These young women were devout communicants of St. Bartholomew's and their influence was felt in the high type of christian students who came under their influence and teaching.

Gov. John Owen (1787-1841) is buried in this cemetery. Serving his State in many offices of trust, John Owen of Bladen County, was elected Governor in 1828, being a great favorite with the people. His last public act was as President of the Convention in 1840, which nominated Harrison and Tyler for President and Vice-President, of the Nation. He declined the nomination of Vice-President, being the presiding officer of the Convention, thereby missing the Presidency of the United States on the death of President Harrison.

Gov. Owen's boyhood was spent in Pittsboro as a student at the first celebrated Bingham School, conducted by Hon. Wm. Bingham. It was while visiting his friend, Henry Adolphus London, that death came. to this distinguished man, so, transportation being difficult, John Owen was buried in St. Bartholomew's graveyard, near the Church where he had worshipped in his young manhood.

Close by Gov. Owen lies another notable, the Hon. John B. Toomer, (Mar. 13th, 1784, Sept 1856) Supreme Court Judge and Senator, one of the state's most brilliant and eloquent orators. It was he who was selected to give the welcome address to Gen. La-Fayette on his visit to Fayetteville in Mar. 1825. From an illustrious line himself, Judge Toomer married Martha Rhett Swann, of the distinguished family of that name, who sleeps near him. Near them

lie their daughters, Catherine and her husband, Nathaniel Hill, and Eliza with her husband, Thomas Hill.

Another early grave of the Hill family is that of Margaret Moore Hill, who is buried by her husband, Levin Lane. She was a daughter of Thos. Hill and Susan Mabson, among the first settlers from the Cape Fear. Mr. and Mrs. Lane were the great grandparents of the wife of Rt. Rev. T. C. Darst nee Laurison Hardin. (The old Toomer estate was east of Pittsboro, and afterwards known as the "Merritt Place;" a feature of it in early days being a vast park, where deer abounded.

Close to the Altar, just back of the Chancel, is buried the second Rector, the Rev. Philip B. Wiley. Other Rectors buried in this cemetery are Rev. Robert B. Sutton, Rev. William Thurston, and Rev. J. J. Roberts (1816-1846).

Near the entrance to the Grave Yard is buried Gov. Abram Rencher (1798-1882), who was distinguished as a United States Minister to Portugal (1843-1847), as a member of congress for many years and as Governor to New Mexico (1857-1861), declining the portfolio of Sec. of the Navy under President Buchanan. Gov. Rencher was of great force in politics of that generation. He was Vestryman of St. Bartholomew's for many years.

Perhaps the greatest number of graves in any family plot of this Cemetery is that of the Jackson family. In a row of eleven, extending along the western rock wall, the oldest of these graves is that of Samuel Spencer Jackson, born in Anson County, March 10th, 1787, died in Pittsboro, December 1856. The inscription on his monument reads: A lawyer of high ability, a gentlemen of literary attainments, a christian zealous in his Master's service." Samuel S. Jackson was the first Lay Reader of St. Bartholomew's, a Vestryman for years, and a frequent attendant at Diocesan meetings. A grandson of Judge Samuel Spencer of Colonial history, he inherited this jurist's churchmanship. In a letter now in my possession from Samuel Jackson's mother, Mary Spencer, she admonishes him to "be a faithful Christian, as nothing else in life really counts". Sleeping beside their parents, are the sons and daughters of this first Lay Reader of St. Bartholomew's, all earnest Christians.

Hon. John Hooker Haughton, distinguished lawyer and his wife, Alice Hill, are buried near his daughters, Caroline Haughton London and Mary Ann Haughton Ihrie. John H. Haughton, son of John and Mary Ryan Hooker Haughton, was born in Tyrrell County, August 29th, 1810, and dying in 1876. Graduating at the University, after studying law with his distinguished kinsman, Thomas B. Haughton, in Chowan County, he removed to Pittsboro in 1837, and became identified with the Church there. He became a leader at the bar in this and adjoining Counties, following his profession with zeal and vigor. He was ever prominently connected with all the political movements of the State, discharged all his duties with fidelity to his country. He was a man of great public spirit and liberality and by his large subscriptions



to works of internal improvement greatly impaired his estate. Yet he bore adversity as well as prosperity with equanimity. Mr. Haughton married Mary Ann, daughter of Dr. Robert Williams of Pitt County, and afterwards Miss Eliza Alice, daughter of Col. Thomas Hill of the Cape Fear section. His third wife was Miss Marvey of New Bern, whom he survived a few days. (The above is in part from Wheeler's History).

The Manning lot holds the grave of two John Mannings, who brought honor to this fine old name. John Manning, the 2nd, was born in Edenton, July 30th, 1830, graduated at the University 1850. Studying law in Pittsboro under his cousin, Hon. John H. Haughton, he was licensed in 1853. Elected to the Secession Convention, '61, joined the first Company from Chatham as Lieutenant. Elected to Congress in '76, he served with honor to his State. In 1880 he was elected as Dean of University Law School, which office he also filled with credit. In his letter of resignation as Secretary of the Vestry of St. Bartholomew's for 30 years, Dr. Manning says: "May God bless and keep you, my dear brethren and may you increase in favor with God and man." It may be said of him, "Well done good and faithful servant". He died at an old age, leaving a family to worthily succeed and carry on his good deeds.

Hon. Thomas Cowan and his wife, Mary Ashe London Cowan, sleep in this Church yard, both representative of fine old names of the Cape Fear. Near them are buried Capt. and Mrs. Claude Baker Denson (Matilda Cowan) their daughter. After distinguished service in the Confederate Army, Capt. Denson became one of the state's foremost educators, and for many years conducted the Pittsboro Academy, later removing to Raleigh to continue his educational work.

Among other of the earliest graves are those of James J. Horne (1797-1841); John S. Gathrie (1835-1859); Mrs. John Wise (1780-'67); David Rogers (1829-1857); Belchor Newman (1782-1874). Dr. John Swann (1824-48) who married Penelope, daughter of a Rector, Rev. Philip Wiley. He is a descendant of the famous Samuel Swann, Chief Justice and Compiler of the State's first Code of Laws, and a distinguished family of churchmen.

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Other early graves are those of the Moores, Waddells, Davises, Holmes, Millers, Torrences, Stedmans, Poes, McClenahans, Taylors. Of the latter family is the grave of Capt. John Taylor (1831-1888), a gallant Confederate soldier and a worthy representative of this name. His first wife was Miss Sarah Ann McClenahan and the second, Miss Fannie Thurston London.

One of the oldest communicants of St. Bartholomew's, who is buried in the Church Yard, is Mrs. Delana Brewer (1821-1905), whose contribution to the Church was her son, Matthew M. Marshall, one of the most beloved and distinguished clergymen of the Diocese, having served for 33 years as Rector of Christ Church, Raleigh.

#### LATER BURIALS.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eubanks (1839-1893) who are buried here,

were also staunch communicants of this Church and gave their son, Percy Robert Eubanks, to the ministry in 1883. Their daughter, Ellen Pilkington lies near them.

Capt. James Powell (1839-1893) and his wife, Mary Woodson Lea, sleep in this Church Yard. Capt. Powell was a Confederate soldier and his wife a devoted churchwoman, the daughter of Woodson Lea, also a staunch communicant of St. Bartholomew's.

There are other former Vestrymen, not previously mentioned, who are buried here, among them being: Capt. Augustus Lippitt, a Confederate soldier, Spence Taylor, Woodson Powell, Alex Riddle and William Hunt. A Vestryman of St. John's Church at Portsmouth, Va., Mr. William Calvert, lies in this cemetery, an English churchman who married Miss Mattie Ihrie, one of the daughters of St. Bartholomew's

Buried here are other officers of the Confederacy, Captains Ancrum Berry, John Crump, Hamilton Long, Waddie McClenahan, Harrington Pope, and William Boudinot, the latter having been Commodore in the United States Navy prior to the War between the States. Captain Adney Glenn, a Northern soldier is also buried here.

Besides those buried in the cemetery of St. Bartholomew's some of the early Communicants of this Church are resting in family Burial Grounds on their estates. Some of the Hill family are buried at Hailbron, the residence of Hon. Thomas Hill, who married Miss Susan Mabson and raised a family of seven children, all of whom were active in church work. He and his wife are buried at Hailbron.

In the private burial ground at Logville Hall, three miles northwest of Pittsboro, are buried the Hon. John Williams (1816) and members of his family, early church people. John, the elder, was an eminent lawyer from London, England, admitted to the Bar of Chatham in 1785.

Long forgotten tombs in family burial plots will bring to light other names of these first Church settlers around Pittsboro, whose names are not recorded above. At Sunnyside, may still be seen the tombstones of the early Waddells and Moores.

In the family gave yard at Oakmount, north west of Pittsboro, lies the older Manlys, parents of Gov. Charles Manly (elected to this high office of North Carolina in 1845) and who was raised in this old town, a former student of William Bingham. Gov. Manly's father, Capt. Basil Manly, of Revolutionary fame, came from Bladen County to Chatham, taking up his residence at Oakmount, the former summer home of Col. John Hill of Wilmington. Capt Basil Manly later moved into Pittsboro, his home being on the corner of what is now route No. 75 and No. 90. Gov. Charles Manly's law office was called "Fort Snug" by the members of the Bar who found it a delightful meeting place after the tedium of court. He spent the latter part of his life in Raleigh where he married Miss Charity Haywood, their descendants all being loyal church people.

"To hallow this their resting place, safe are the souls that Thou dost keep—And safely here their dust shall sleep".

## MINISTRATIONS TO THE COLORED PEOPLE.

It is fitting to show how St. Bartholomew's was mindful of the colored people and to call attention to the ministrations given them before the war and after. All through the Parish Register there are records of Baptisms of children of negro slaves who belonged to the white communicants of this Church, also burials and marriages. The masters and mistresses were sponsors at the baptisms and these colored children were taught the Church Catechism and attended the services along with the white children. The galleries were reserved for the negroes, who received the Holy Communion after it had been administered to the white communicants. At family prayers (which custom was emphasized in every Church home) the servants were required to attend, sitting in the back ground. Truly in many instances were our Church people missionaries to these people from dark Africa. It is of interest to note that the first class of colored people taught in St. Bartholomew's was by Miss Annie Sutton, daughter of the Rector, in the gallery of the Church. From her teachings was brought into the Ministry the Rev. Primus Alston, a fine representative of the colored race. In another chapter is shown how, through St. James' Mission, provision was made by St. Bartholomew's for greater christian development for the colored people, the classes being taught for years by members of the Parish Church.

A memory of my childhood days was old "Uncle Alec" Scarborough, the faithful sexton for nearly 50 years, a servant of Henry Adolphus London, from whom he received his religious instruction. He rang the Church bell always to the right minute, and "pumped" the organ. (After his death the young boys of the congregation performed this service). I remember how this devoted servant led the horse which bore his master's body to its last resting place, preferring to walk for a mile through sleet and snow, rather than to ride in a carriage with the other family servants.

I remember also seeing him, with his little old wife, "Mom Polly" going hand in hand from the gallery to the Chancel rail to receive the Holy Communion after it had been administered to the white people. Uncle Alec was Confirmed in 1841 in this Church. A memorial to this faithful Sexton was placed in the Church in the form of a round window over the southern gallery, where for years he sat during services. We record the following resolution of the Vestry, November 15th, 1886, as "Uncle Alec" should be on the Honor Roll of the communicants of St. Bartholomew's.

"Whereas—it has pleased Almighty God to take unto himself Alexander Scarborough, who for nearly half a century had been the sexton and a consistent communicant of this parish, and the Vestry desire to express our appreciation of his christian character and fidelity to duty.

Resolve,—that we bear willing testimony to the faithful service of this "Old Sexton" who was always at his post of duty, regardless of Summer showers or Winter's snow and ice; and to his christian

qualities which made him an exemplar worthy of imitation by those who occupied higher places in the world's esteem."

Looking backward from our one hundredth milestone, a long line passes in review. Men and women gladly used in the service of God and their fellow men.

Our fathers builded this Altar here, may we worthily keep up the Celestial fires.

"Who are those in bright array, this innumerable throng,  
Round the Altar, night and day, turning their triumphant song."

#### SAINT MARK'S, GULF

By Miss Ida Cowan.

On the outskirts of the little town of Gulf, stands a small white church. Close to it rise many marble shafts, mute signs of "days beyond recall." A rock wall, whose base is made of veritable boulders, acts as a barrier between them and the outside world. Surrounding the whole are giant oaks, which lend their shade and beauty, and add, with all, to the quiet, peace, and restfulness of the place.

This little church, Saint Mark's, is a frame structure with rather an interesting spire on the roof. Inside, there is a balcony where the slaves sat during the service. Over in one corner stands a rude three-legged stool, whose occupant was a lame servant. The spiral stairs to the balcony, were too difficult an ascent for his infirmity.

On the chancel rail is the font, a round pewter vessel, about six inches in diameter and one inch in depth. The pews, the simple altar, and lecturn, were all made by native workmen. On one of the pages of the Prayer Book can be seen lines drawn thru the words, "the President of the United States." they were put there when the church was a part of the Confederacy and the book, has very probably never been used since, as the missionaries bring their own.

The land on which the church stands was a part of the estate of John Haughton, late of Tryell County. This little plot he had marked off as a place sacred to the memory of the Lord, God of Jehovah. So the church was a private one. After Mr. John Haughton's death, the property was in Mr. Lawrence Haughton's name, until 1878, and the church lot was still a part of the estate. Mr. Lawrence Haughton had moved to Pittsboro, and at this time was disposing of his Gulf property. Being unwilling for this little spot to fall in other hands, he deeded it to the Diocese of North Carolina.

#### RECORD OF DEED—ST. MARKS, THE GULF, CHATHAM CO.

L. J. HAUGHTON

The "God's Acre" for the church is registered in the Chatham County records (A W 336), Grantor L. J. Haughton to Rt. Rev. Thomas Atkinson, Wm. H. Battle, and W. R. Cox Trustees, and describes the lot as follows: "A parcel of land situated in the County and State aforesaid at the Gulf on Deep River and bounded as follows—Beginning on a Post oak running North 83 deg. East 12 2-3 poles to a stake; etc. (square) containing one acre, it being the land on



which St. Mark's Church is situated."

The building was given by John Haughton, made from timber cut on his place by slaves. Outside the wall is a square one room building that was built before the church and some time referred to as a "chapel", which was used as a private school also. Until 1932 over a long period of years it was also used as a public school by the county authorities, and kept in repair by them. The gift was "the outward and visible sign" of a faith within the giver, for Mr. Haughton and his wife had been associated with the Church's interests from their youth up. As early as 1835 Rev. David Griffin Missionary in Tyrell County referred to services at Mr. Haughton's home there, in his convention report. So, when they came to Chatham in 1837, unwilling to be without a church and desiring to enrich the lives of all the community, they built the chapel.

Rev. Philip B. Wiley, then rector at Pittsboro in his 1837 report to the convention mentioned this work as follows: "I have performed service and preached once at a place called 'The Gulph'" on Deep River where resides a family strongly attached to the Church, and it is my purpose to give them such occasional services as may consist with my duty to the Church in Pittsboro". The next year he records that he baptized 23 colored children belonging to Mr. John Haughton.

Another rector Rev. Wm. Thurston up to 1844 reported having baptized eleven, and having had regular monthly services at Gulf where an attentive white and colored congregation attended the ministration of the Gospel. In 1847 Rev J. J. Roberts reported the Gulf as a separate station, with the congregation petitioning for union with the Convention.

The next year Bishop Ives, in his Convention address and "August 1847, 13th Sunday after Trinity at Deep River, Chatham County, I consecrated St. Mark's Church, preached, confirmed two persons, and administered the Holy Communion." And the congregation elected four delegates to the Convention of '48 and '49, as follows: John Haughton, Geo. Evans, Peter Evans, Lawrence J. Haughton. At the Fayetteville Convention of 1851, George N. Evans and L. J. Haughton were present from Gulf, and the other two chosen were Peter Evans and R. S. Frazier. Peter Evans, Frazier, John W. Hooker, and L. J. Haughton were delegates elected for the 1853 Convention at Raleigh.

By 1859 a lay reader was assisting the then rector, Rev. N. C. Hughes. His name was Mr. T. Emery. In 1863 the delegates names were: George Washington, L. J. Haughton., R. G. Frazier, John W. Harris. In 1870, there were 17 Communicants, and Mr. Haughton had moved to Pittsboro where he served as vestryman until his death in 1898. In 1880 Rev. E. N. Joyner remarked there had been no Episcopal Visitation in several years. 1894 Rev. C. T. Bland wrote: I have visited St. Mark's twice, administered the Holy Communion each time, and baptized one infant. From 1909 to 1921 Rev. Messers Mellichamp, Hughes, H. O. Nash, Duncan, W. E. Allen, with Treas-

urer G. D. Frazier at Gulf, all witnesses to intermittent services at Gulf, with anxiety on account of so many removals to other towns of the state.

In 1924 Rev. R. G. Shannonhouse became the rector at Pittsboro and Missionary to Sanford St. Thomas, and Gulf St. Mark's. There seemed little chance of building up the congregation at Gulf; so he conceived the idea of interesting the descendants of those resting in St. Mark's ground in preserving the shrine of their ancestors. Under the leadership of J. J. Hooker, a prominent lawyer of Sylva, N. C., a sum of several hundred dollars was given, which enabled him to make the improvements as follows; new cedar roof, rebuilt stone wall with front wall of brick, the necessary kalsomining and painting within and without, glazing etc. In October 1927 a "Home-coming" service was arranged. On a glorious day the people came from far away, to crowd the church to break bread with Bishop Cheshire the celebrant and rector assisting. After the service and sermon by the bishop a picnic lunch on the grounds. Then an informal session with addresses and reminiscences by several of the laymen. For future reference the names of those present are here given. They were from Pittsboro: Mr. and Mrs. A. H. London, Mrs N. M. Hill, Miss Azile Hill, Alex Riddle, Mrs. Riddle, Hasty, Vivian and Sam Riddle, D. L. Bell, wife and children Betty and Allie, Mrs. W. L. Powell, Lea, Camilla, Foster and Ross, G. R. Pilkington, Mrs. J. E. Morgan, Mrs. J. W. Hunt. From Germantown: R. T. Beck Jr., from Mt. Vernon Springs: The Fousts, E. H., Mr. and Mrs. J. M., Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jr., Bernice, Eugene Jr., Ben S., and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lane. Local folks were: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McIntyre, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Russell, Elizabeth and Herbert, Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Palmer and Mrs. L. W. Heritage. Miss Mollie Tate of Ramseur, Miss Louise Joyner of Louisburg. Mark Richardson, Aubrey Peterson, Miss Lillie H. Hill of Leaksville, Mrs. J. H. Darden, of Farmville. From Durham: Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Frazier, W. G. Jr., Mrs. H. C. McDearmon and Miss Sarah, Mrs. D. C. Mitchell, Miss Martha and Miss Ida Cowan.

Since then it has become a custom to hold such a service annually. On the last occasion in spite of exceedingly wet weather several automobiles drove all the way from Wilmington with fourteen people, among them Mrs. James the oldest member formerly, of this parish.

#### ST. THOMAS' MISSION, SANFORD

By a former Rector

In the minutes of the vestry of St. Bartholomew's parish, of November 3rd. 1879, it was resolved that this parish, Rev. E. N. Joyner then being rector, do establish Missions at Gum Springs and Haywood, in Chatham County, and at Sanford in Moore County. Which was probably the first gesture of earnestness to found the church there, by this parish. Rev. R. B. Sutton, from 1860 to 1879 had held services in private homes in Sanford occasionally, and he baptized Hester Gilmore as the first Episcopalian baptized there. During that

period also Bishop Atkinson officiated there in a private home near the station and confirmed two persons, one of whom was Mrs. W. T. Tucker (Inder)) and the other Miss Helen Palmer who was her assistant teacher. Rev. Wm. Walker, another rector at Pittsboro performed the marriage of Julia West Newby to Oliver Evans in 1887. Rev. F. L. Bush, another rector, officiated at Sanford several times also, as assistant to Mr. Walker. Rev. C. T. Bland 1892-1903 at Pittsboro, preached regularly once a month at Sanford, and by 1896 had succeeded in getting a church built on Carthage Street in a desirable location. The Woman's Building Society raised the money. They were: Mrs. Annie T. McPherson, Pres., Miss Mary P. Newby, Sec., Mrs. Bessie Thompson, Mrs. Maggie N. Hunt (later Mrs B. C. Pearce) Carrie Lineberry Cross, Mrs. Margaret Newby, Miss A. R. Newby. Mrs. Eleanor Hope Cobb secured an organ. Mrs. Hunt, afterwards Mrs. Pearce and afterwards Mrs. White, is at this time the only living charter member; and she is still deeply interested in the mission, and until she removed recently to Greensboro was very proud of being the custodian all the years, of the Parish Register .

Rev. Thaddeus A. Cheatham (1903-04) succeeded Mr. Bland. He states in a letter that twenty two communicants formed the congregation, and that twenty one of them were in the choir. By visiting homes regardless of denomination Mr. Cheatham became an extremely popular pastor and preacher, so much so that the aisles of the church had extra chairs placed for every service, and the church was always filled.

Rev. James Simmons and Rev. W. L. Mellichamp officiated at Pittsboro from 1905 for five years; and were followed by Rev. H. O. Nash in 1910. He was noted for personal evangelism. He yearned also to minister to the poor and the underprivileged. Which prompted him to move the church "across the railroad", where the operatives of the cotton mill lived. After Mr. Nash left the Archdeacon, Rev. N. C. Duncan gave occasional services.

In 1919 Rev. W. E. Allen began his pastorate, which lasted until 1923. Again women made a move for a new Church, with the rector encouraging them. Mrs. R. H. Deaderich and Mrs. W. W. Robards first selected the lot, on Steel Street, which is now the site of the pretty brick church that was built in the period of 1927-1931 during the ministry of Rev. R. G. Shannonhouse, who is still living and is rector of the church at Pittsboro.

Rev. Francis Craighill Brown, rector at Southern Pines and minister in charge of St. Thomas' Sanford, succeeded Mr. Shannonhouse in 1931 at Sanford; and with a loyal and active congregation cooperating with him the Mission is going forward and growing.

The writer, after several years of praying and hoping finally saw a beautiful dream realized in the new church in Sanford, on Steele Street. Although there was a large fluctuating or transient element in the congregation which made permanent interest difficult, there was and is too a very earnest and interested group in that Mission who

cooperate wonderfully and generously in the great struggle to establish the Church there on a more permanent basis in a material way. Now that it is so established he hopes and believes there will be a corresponding growth in spiritual things and an increasing interest in the "things that are eternal." Certainly there is room in Sanford for the Church with her characteristics and distinctive features which invariably appeal to a more or less large element of any community, when rightly understood. It is gratifying to know that the new church is appreciated by Sanford people generally, and the congregation particularly.

#### ST. JAMES' MISSION, PITTSBORO, (Col.)

Rev. William Walker and Rev. Franklin L. Bush 1883-1892.

(Letter from Miss Margaret Bush, Boston, Mass. 1933.)

I have set down the bare facts of my fathers work in Pittsboro, but as I think of those days, such a flood of memories fill my mind that I do not know how to write of them without being too personal. Memories of such happy days in the old Rectory (which my mother spelled "Wrecktory") where my father was always the life of the children's parties, entering into all our games with the zest of a happy child. One remembers him too as the faithful and devoted Shepherd of his black flock, his patience sometimes sorely tried and strict discipline necessary, but his love for them always felt and winning their affections and respect.

Service in both the Church and the Mission are vividly remembered and I am sure none of the girls who were in the Rector's (Mr. Walker's) Sunday School class have forgotten his clear and definite teaching. Then the days before Christmas when we sat on the bank outside the church yard wall and wound wreaths to decorate the church. We young ones "bunching" for the elders, from great piles of holly and laurel and fragrant pine boughs; and I think I have never heard sweeter music or more eloquent sermons than in St. Bartholomew's.

I must speak of some of the colored people of St. James' Mission. "Aunt Fanny Manly," our servant a long time and her husband, "Uncle Bas," were most respected members. We all loved her; and we thought the world of William Harrison, who carried all the water for a family of nine, from the spring at the foot of the hill. He was so good and faithful and dependable, both at home and at the Mission, where he sang in the choir along with June Clegg and the Tinnen boys. "Aunt Mary Council" was a great delight—always sitting in her doorway of an afternoon to greet the passers by. Some occurrence so astonished her one day that she exclaimed "that cracks the crilas."

These are random recollections of no value I fear. but perhaps you can cull something from them to add to my dry facts, if you wish. I will only add my best wishes for the success of your "Centennial" and for your work at St. Bartholomew's.

The Rev. William Walker, Rector of the Church of St. John the Baptist, Thomaston, Maine, a Canadian by birth and upbringing, was



called to be Rector of St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsboro, in the summer of 1883; and in the Autumn he arrived in Pittsboro to assume his new duties. With him came his brother-in-law, the Rev. Franklin Leonard Bush with his family, Mr. Bush was assistant to Mr. Walker in the Parish, with the Mission for colored people as his especial work. At that time St. James' Mission was housed in an old dwelling house, which was used for both day school and Sunday services and school, (with living quarters for a colored deacon who taught the day school.

It was a very sad day when the Mission caught fire and quickly burned to the ground, and yet it proved a blessing in the end, for kind and interested friends contributed the necessary funds; and the present St. James' Chapel was built, also the little school house; and it became possible to teach the children greater reverence when they no longer recited lessons in their Chapel. Soon after the old Mission was burned the deacon went away and after that the school was taught by a graduate of St. Augustine's School. A very fine young man, named Griffin (or Griffith) who had an excellent influence over the children and was a great help to Mr. Bush.

Mr. Bush and Mr. Walker were both filled with missionary zeal. They worked together in great harmony and from time to time made missionary journeys to what was then known as the dark corner of Moore County, holding services for scattered church people in Sanford and Southern Pines and, I think, Rockingham and Siler City.

In 1892, Mr. Walker was appointed Archdeacon and went to live in Raleigh where Mr. Bush and his family joined him in September of the same year.

June 8th, the Rev. William Walker, for many years a priest of this Diocese, died in Weymouth, Mass. In seniority of orders he stood second in our Clergy list, and of his fifty six years in the ministry thirty nine were in cannocial connection with this Diocese. He served as parish priest and missionary in various parts of the Diocese, but his most important work with us was as Archdeacon of our colored work from 1891 to 1897. He was a man, pure, earnest, unselfish and devoted. As a Priest he was wholly consecrated to his work. He was by nature rather reserved, not quickly showing his best qualities, and therefore not always fully known or appreciated. Those who knew him well loved him; and if he had a positive fault I never observed it. He gave us years of faithful service, and we remember him with love and respect.

(Address of Bishop Cheshire, Oxford Convention, 1923)

Remarks:—The "Deacon" referred to by Miss Bush was Edward H. Butler, from Pennsylvania. After teaching here a while he taught in Asheville, Florida, Georgia and again at Southern Pines. In old age retirement he lived in his own home in Pittsboro, where he died in the fall of 1931. In his will he left to the Mission, for the benefit of the minister, his home and two other small tenant houses, and also

remembered St. Augustine's College, Payne Divinity School, and the Church Pension Fund, totalling about one fourth of his savings. He lived many years in Pittsboro on a pension as a retired minister.

The following account of other colored ministers who served St. James' in later years, was written by Feriba Tinnen the sister of Rev. P. P. Alston. She has been a real "pillar" of the Mission for a long period. Her brother, raised here and educated at St. Augustine's College, built the well known St. Michel's Church in Charlotte and spent his entire ministry there.

#### MINISTERS WHO SERVED ST. JAMES.

Rev. Edward Hezekiah Butler served St. James ( as assistant to Mr. Bush) for a number of years, and he lived in a portion of the building until it burned down and then he went to Florida. Rev. J. E. King served four or five years and was loved by all who knew him. A Rev. Mr. White from New York also taught and preached a while here. There was a depression here at that time. The people of the surrounding country were at a loss, for prices of food were high and money was too scarce. He got up a brotherhood society and had car-loads of corn, meat, molasses, sugar, coffee and clothing shipped and farmers that had wagons hauled it from Moncure to this place and divided it up. Had it not been for him the poor people would have suffered greatly. Yes we loved him.

Rev. F. L. Bush, a most sainted man that ever walked on earth, was here. His wife and daughter also served us, teaching school, music and sewing. We cannot say too much about his goodness. We loved him and we love him still. His name is dear to me.

Rev. P. P. Alston, grew up here. He was very anxious to learn. White people of this town did every thing in his favor. Mr Walker Hanks and Mr. James Thompson got work for him and helped him go to St. Augustine's where he graduated. Then he took up the ministry, then the Bishop sent him to Charlotte, N. C. and there he remained until death. The best white and colored people of Charlotte said his place could not be filled. They all talked in a memorial service. Said they could not say enough about him. of his good work there.

He built a church and a school. The bishop said no choir in the state could, excel his, the best in the state, white or colored. He was my brother.

Rev. Thomas Bailey did not remain long here. Rev. Parish served a short time. Rev. Johnson went from here to Southern Pines. Rev. Satterwhite remained one year. We loved him, a good man. Rev. A. M. Cochran (Music teacher at St. Augustine's) a lovely and talented musician and preacher. Everybody loved him. We hated to give him up. Rev. Fisher (St. Ambrose, Raleigh) did not remain long. We loved him. And then, (since the depression) Rev. Mr. Shannonhouse filled his place; since we were not able to get a colored minister (visiting from another parish) the

bishop had him to serve us, he being here.

Lest we forget:—The Altar Cross at St. James' was given by Rev. Mr. Bush's mother, Mrs. S. L. Bush, witnessed by Miss Gertrude.

July 22th, 1880, the vestry thanked Capt. W. L. London because he offered and did advance \$175 and bought the old Methodist church for the Mission of St. James. After it burned Mr. Bush built the present building, largely of his own funds.

#### PITTSBORO PRODUCTS:—CLERGY AND MISSIONARY

St. Bartholomew's Parish, besides sending out many men and women to become useful lay members of other Churches, has also been the mother parish of four clergymen and one woman Missionary in the Diocese. The Clergymen were Rev. M. M. Marshall, Rev. Percy Robert Eubanks, Rev. J. J. Roberts Jr. and Rev. P. P. Alston. The first rector, Rev. T. F. Davis, also had two sons in the ministry; after he became Bishop of South Carolina. One of the "supply" rectors who afterwards became a bishop, has a grandson by the same name now also a bishop, Wm. Mercer Green. Rev. Percy R. Eubanks has a son also in the ministry, rector at Woburn, Mass. The Junior Warden, G. R. Pilkington is his brother-in-law.

The only woman missionary, Lillie Haines Hill, felt the call to be a missionary as a child. As soon as she was permitted she began teaching the servant's children, then had a bible class in the colored Mission. After a time she was working at Sanford, and doing personal work in the jail. At Roanoke Rapids, her work was blessed, on one occasion with twenty candidates for Baptism, after which she worked under Archdeacon Hughes as a United Thank Offering worker for several years. She served a short time as matron at the Thompson Orphanage. Then she was sent by Bishop Cheshire to Spray, where there was an opportunity in the mill settlement and also in St. Andrew's Ruras Associate Mission. Here she has served for eighteen years. The story of her school work and also her work in the jail, County Home and prison camp, and in the homes too is one of boundless energy and enthusiasm, which is well known throughout the Diocese. And her home parish honors her for the honor she reflects upon it.

Dr. Marshall, long time rector at Christ Church, Raleigh, was one of the most loved clergyman the Diocese has produced. A tender story of his ministry is here shown, by his daughter, by request.

#### A PITTSBORO MINISTER, REV. MATTHIAS MURRAY MARSHALL, D. D.

By his daughter, Susan Marshall.

My father, Matthias M. Marshall, the son of Abel Marshall and Delana Gunter, was born in Chatham County, and as a boy attended St. Bartholomew's; and loved and revered its holy ministeries. Rev. N. C. Hughes was the rector in those days and was also my father's honored and respected teacher.

In 1858, at the age of seventeen, father was confirmed by Bishop Atkinson and soon after he left Pittsboro to enter Trinity College,

Hartford, Connecticut. When the call to arms came in '60 he gave up his ambition to be graduated from Trinity College and went back to North Carolina and joined the Confederate troops. He seems never to have been very robust, for after a short while on account of his health he resigned his lieutenancy and entered the University of North Carolina; from which he was graduated with honors in 1863. In the meanwhile he had been studying for the ministry and was ordained deacon by Bishop Atkinson in December 1863. After that he returned to the army as chaplain and was stationed at Kittrell, where he did hospital service. In 1865 he was ordained priest by Bishop Atkinson and in 1866 he was married, having met and won his bride while she was refugeeing in Chapel Hill. My mother was Margaret Susan Wingfield, of Portsmouth Virginia, there were eight children.

My father's first charge was at Christ Church, Elizabeth City. After two years there he was called to Warrenton, North Carolina, where he taught in Mrs. Wilcox's School, besides being rector of Emmanuel. He was a great lover of the classics, a feeling probably instilled in him by his own teacher, Mr. Hughes.

He was beloved in Warrenton and in the neighboring country where he had several missions. He must have found it difficult to make up his mind to leave there when the call came in 1874 to Christ Church, Raleigh. It was this year that the College of William and Mary conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. For thirty three years father served his people in Raleigh: and never was a minister more beloved, not only by his own flock, but by other denominations as well. He was very simple in his tastes, never cared for show of any kind and was most democratic in his feelings. It grieved him that the pews in his church were owned by the members of the congregation, and that everybody was not welcome in God's house and he worked for the freeing of these pews, until such was an accomplished fact in 1891. I think this was the thing he considered his greatest achievement in all his long ministry.

Possessed of a beautiful resonant speaking voice, father's reading of the services was a joy to his parishioners. It was in the sick room and the death chamber that he was of the greatest comfort to them. A real pastor, he visited his people and ministered to their spiritual need in the home as well as from the pulpit. I believe it is at baptisms that I miss him most; on those occasions he was particularly tender and loving with the children.

During his life in Raleigh, father made an annual visit to Pittsboro to see his aged mother; who lies in the churchyard of St. Bartholomew's. In those days instead of taking an hour to motor over the forty miles it was an all day's trip with a horse and buggy. I think "Duty" must have been his watchword. On many Sundays during the most active years of his ministry he would conduct five services a day, preaching at three of them. He was a believer in law and



order and a great stickler for carrying out strictly the rubrics of the prayer-book.

On October 22, 1912, my father passed from his earthly sufferings and was laid to rest in Raleigh in his beloved Oakwood Cemetery.

Dr. Marshall's half sister, Mrs. Laura Morgan, and two sons Tom and Will, are loyal and active members of St. Bartholomew's parish.

Rt. Rev. Percy R. Eubanks, son of a Vestryman, has held many important Parishes and Missions over a wide territory; and now like Rev. E. N. Joyner, is enjoying a well earned retirement, with the benefit of the Clergy Pension. His home, with a daughter, is in Hollywood, Calif. He has a niece in this parish, in our organist Mrs. Victor Johnson.

Rev. P. P. Alston, who gave his life to a long ministry in Charlotte St. Michales, is referred to more fully in the sketch on St. James' Mission. His sister Ferbia Tinnen is actively identified with St. James' in several capacities. All honor to all these who served in the sacred calling of the ministry.

### THE RECTOR AND VESTRY.

The minister Royal Graham Shannonhouse, born in Charlotte, graduated U. N. C. '96, and General Theol. Seminary, New York in 1899, ordained deacon '99, and Priested 1902 by Bishop Cheshire. Other charges, Statesville, N. C., Union, S. C., Edgefield, S. C., Fitzgerald, Ga. Became rector at Pittsboro and Sanford 1924.

Senior Warden: Arthur Hill London, Bank President and Textile Manufacturer. One year at U. N. C. and business man in old home town ever since. Keeping up traditions and high standards of forefathers his high ambition. Has served on diocesan Finance and Executive Committees, and attended two General Conventions. Senior Warden for sixteen consecutive years. Faithful in every little thing pertaining to the Church, liberal always.

Junior Warden: George R. Pilkington since December 3, 1898. English by birth. and a Churchman par excellence. Honored by the University for excellency as a Pharmacist and as a man. Two great loves, his children and his Church. One of most beloved men in this section.

Secretary: Daniel L. Bell, native of Enfield, Halifax County, graduated U. N. C., Lawyer, Rep. State Legislature one term, Judge County Court. American Legion honors. Supt. Church School and Vestry Secretary since 1924. All Conventions of the Diocese. Unfailing in kindness and integrity.

Treasurer: Will L. London, U. N. C. expert in Commerce, worthily wearing mantle of that superb Churchman of the same name, his grandfather. Treasurer eight years. Has never missed a due date on a church obligation, giving this parish a marvelous rating.

Thomas Morgan: U. N. C. also Commerce and Bank expert. Always lived near the church, in both senses. Same fine characteristics as his distinguished uncle Rev. M. M. Marshall.

Former Treasurers: Henry Adolphus London, 1838-1870 (also S.

Warden until 1882); Henry Armand London 1870-1918; Woodson Lea Powell 1918-1925; William Lord London 1925-1933, third in direct descent.

Superintendents of Sunday School: It is regretted the records are not clear as to former years, but two stand out in recent years for devotion to duty and interest, Woodson Lea Powell '18 to '25, and Hon. Daniel L. Bell '25 to date.

Teachers 1933: Mr. Bell, Mrs. James Cordon, Mrs. A. H. London.

The Altar Committee: Mrs. A. H. London, Miss Azile Hill.

The Rector, writer, hereby records his sincere appreciation and affection for every member of this vestry. Which applies also to the Woman's Auxiliary, The Choir, The Brotherhood of St. Andrews and in an especial way to those who serve as an Altar Guild.

#### THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREWS' (JR.)

Was organized in November, last, and received charter in February 1933.

The members are enthusiastic and happy with this order among themselves and properly unostentatious in the performance of duties. The officers are as follows: Billie Riddle, Director; Ben Harris, Vice-Director; Nat Powell, Secretary; James Griffin, Treasurer; Foster Powell, Asst. Treasurer; Henry Nooe, Jr., Councillor; Jim Lanius, Sergeant at Arms. Meets twice a month, with the rector.

A note from the Chairman, Field Department, in re pledges

#### FOR FORWARD MOVEMENT.

"I take off my hat to St. Bartholomew's Parish. If all the Parishes showed a like spirit of loyal cooperation we would have an ideal diocese indeed. No finer spirit has been shown anywhere in the diocese than you good people have shown. As chairman of the Field Department. I wish to convey to you all my grateful thanks and deep appreciation. May God bless and prosper you.

Yours Sincerely,

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 15th, 1932

(Rev. Milton A. Barber.

#### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

In November 1892, at the residence of Capt. W. L. London the Thompson Orphanage Guild was organized, for the specific purpose of assisting in that definite work. Rev. C. T. Bland officiated as the chairman and Mrs. Camilla Hill was the Secretary. Mrs. M. A. Ihrie was elected President and Mrs. Thomas B. Womack Secretary and Treasurer. A membership committee including Mrs. Hill, Misses Nettie Haughton, Gertrude Bush, Emma Taylor and Mary Lippitt reported in December that they had forty members. No fixed dues were exacted, each member stating the amount she wished to contribute monthly. They worked faithfully and efficiently not only for the Orphanage but for every call of the Church. A "Baby Branch" was also organized and carried on successfully by Mrs. W. L. London.

In 1898 the Guild was changed to "The Womans Auxiliary to the

board of missions." Mrs. Ihrie was president till death in 1902, when attending a General Convention in California. Other presidents were: Mrs. L. J. Haughton, till her death in 1916; and Mrs. N. M. Hill from then until now. After Mrs. Womack, Mrs. C. T. Bland served as secretary-treasurer until 1899 when Mrs. W. L. London became treasurer, until her death in '23. Mrs. Arthur London has been treasurer since then. Mrs. Victor Johnston has been secretary since '23. From the beginning this branch has responded to every call from the diocesan Pres. and served to the best of her ability in all phases of Auxiliary work such as Christian Social Service, Education, Home Mission, Forward Movement, Box, Near East, and other relief work. District Officers selected from St. Bartholomew's have been: Social Service, Secretary, Mrs. H. A. London and Mrs. A. H. London; Education Secretary, Mrs. V. Johnston and Mrs. J. H. Cordon. President of the Orange District Mrs. R. G. Shannonhouse. During all these years St. Bartholomew's has been rated at Conventoins as 100 per cent efficient.

Auxiliary Officers 1933: President Mrs. N. M. Hill, Vice-President Mrs. James Cordon, Secretary. Mrs. V. R. Johnston, Treasurer Mrs. A. H. London, Educational Sec., Mrs. V. R. Johnson, Supply Secretary Mrs. J. E. Morgan, Social Service Secretary Mrs. A. H. London, Recruiting Secretary Mrs. June Peoples, U. T. O. Custodian Mrs. R. G. Shannonhouse, Prayer Partner Cor. Mrs. June Peoples.

### THE CHOIR

Mrs. Victor R. nee Nellie Pilkington, Johnson, Organist

Mrs. Royal G. Shannonhouse, Choir Director

Mrs. Alex Riddle, Choir mother, Wilson Riddle, Crucifer.

Members, at Centennial Celebration:

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mrs. Emily Taylor Dixon      | Mrs. R. G. Shannonhouse     |
| Mrs. R. G. Shannonhouse, Jr. | Miss Bessie Chapin          |
| Miss Ann Bynum               | Miss Mary Dell Bynum        |
| Mrs. Sadie Johnston          | Miss Frances Johnston       |
| *Mrs. George Taylor          | Miss Virginia Bean          |
| Miss Louise Brooks           | Mrs. Camilla Powell Moffett |
| Mrs. Nannie Lanus Thomas     | Miss Margaret Brooks        |
| Miss Pearl Johnston          | Miss Eula Johnston          |
| Miss Elizabeth Womble        | Miss Elizabeth Blair        |
| *Mrs. Lucian Baldwin         | *Miss Sarah Taylor          |
| *Mrs. Margaret Nooe          | *Mrs. Betsy London Cordon   |

All except five marked with asterisk were trained by Mrs. Shannonhouse in the past eight years. The first organist of the Parish was Mrs. Claudia Wiley, wife of Rev. P. B. in 1835. Then came Mrs. Lawrence I. Haughton who was organist for 66 years. Mrs. V. R. Johnston has been organist for nineteen years

(17)  
The Sexton: Joe Quince and Martha Quince, take as much pride as any one in caring for the church and cemetery, over a long period of years.

## EXCERPTS FROM OLD RECORDS.

In 1870, the minutes of the Vestry in a resolution mentioned that "The Envelope System was preferred by a majority of the congregation"

Dr. R. R. Ihrle received (1876) a vote of thanks from the Vestry "for the lot and office adjoined to the rectory".

A committee was appointed by the Vestry in 1878 "to make repairs on the roof of the Church, and to solicit subscriptions for painting the Church both inside and outside, beginning with the inside, and to go no further with the work than the cash collected will go." This parish has ever since then emphasized the principle of "pay as you go," and consequently has no debt.

In 1887, the Vestry requested the Rector to take up a collection once a quarter for a fund for repairs to the church property. Now the rector ask the Vestry and Womans Auxiliary and Sunday School to raise funds, for a Sunday School Annex to the Church.

In 1879 Vestry voted to establish Mission of St. James; and hired room for their use in Ramsey Hotel. Capt. W. L. London received vote of thanks because he advanced the money to buy lot for their church. The same year Mr. C. B. Denson was appointed by the vestry, "to lay out church yard and make plots of the same at his leisure, and the Warden instructed to trim the trees and cut out such as were decayed." In the same year the vestry voted to establish Missions at Gum Springs, and Haywood in Chatham, and at Sanford in Moore County." Rev. E. N. Joyner resigned in '83.

When the Hon. John Manning left this parish to live in Chapel Hill in 1882, in his note of resignation from the vestry he uttered a fine sentiment when he said: "I cannot bid you farewell without expressing my regret at parting from such dear friends, and my thanks for the uniform kindness I have received at your hands. May God bless and keep you my dear friends, and may you increase in favor with God and man." A high conception of Christian fellowship indeed.

St. Bartholomew's Parish has been blessed with many useful and capable Physicians in her long history. Who will ever know of all their good works and of their charity? Dr. Isaac Hall, Dr. John Swann, Dr. Spence McClenahan, Dr. Ross Ihrle, Dr. Geo. Newby, Dr. F. J. Hill, Dr. Nat Hill. Dr. John Manning, Dr. A. H. London. Jr.

## DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONVENTIONS:

- 1898 Washington, Capt. W. L. London.
- 1901 San Francisco, Capt. W. L. London
- 1904 Boston, Capt. W. L. London.
- 1907 Richmond, Capt. W. L. London.
- 1913 New York, Capt. W. L. London.
- 1928 Washington, Arthur H. London.
- 1931 Denver, Arthur H. London.

## WOMEN WERE ACTIVE IN 1832

Old letters reveal that two women, particularly, were a great help to the minister in getting the Church built, even to the extent of giving



old gold and trinkets toward the building fund. Their names are on the honor roll. They were Miss Louisa Jones (Mrs. Abraham Rencher) and Miss Ann Moore, daughter of Maurice Moore, and later the wife of the rector (afterward bishop of South Carolina). Both related to many of the most prominent people of the state today.

Mark Hardin, father of Wm. H. was an eminent lawyer, who came to Pittsboro in 1825 to conduct a school for boys; first in grove of the Lawrence Haughton home, later at Kelvin; then at Rose Hill, Fayetteville.

Dr. John Swann, whose grave is near that of Gov. Owen, was born in 1824, died 1848.

### MARTIN HANKS

Contributed by Miss Ida Cowan

He was a cabinet maker, faithful and conscientious in his work. Kind and good hearted, everybody called him Uncle Martin. He took much pride in his work in the building of the Church, with Wiley Hanks his assistant. But he was not a church goer at that time.

One lovely day in spring when the wild fragrance of flowers and the soft note of birds seemed to waft one's soul to the ethereal realm, Martin stood on the bridge below the Church, gazing up at the building. Just then a lady came down the slope. It was Mrs. Thomas Cowan, nee ~~Anne Mauger~~ <sup>Mary</sup> London of Wilmington; a gentle woman and a sincerely devout Christian.

"Mrs. Cowan, see that Church?"

"Yes, Uncle Martin."

"I built that Church. It is a work of art".

"Well Uncle Martin, is it possible that you have built a Church to the praise of God, and never darken its doors?"

Later he said of himself: "Yes my hands helped to raise the "gates to heaven" and I let others thru and stay on the outside. I have decided, I'll be of the congregation of the righteous."

From that time he became a constant church goer. Nothing could induce him to stay away.

He called Mrs. Cowan "My Angel".

"She it was", he said, "who guided my drifting soul into the path of peace."

### A SOLDIER'S WEDDING

Contributed by Mrs. John C. James, nee Sarah Sage Cowan.

While war in all its cruel devastation raged in the Southern States, it was very peaceful in the little village of Pittsboro. Bright and clear, if cold, was Sunday morning of January 4, 1863. And full of expectation was the congregation of St. Bartholomew's; for a wedding was to take place that morning before the service. Capt. Claudius Baker Denson had obtained a furlough for a few days for the purpose, and the bride was Miss Margaret Matilda Cowan, elder daughter of Mr. Thomas Cowan and Mary Ashe London of Old Town, and Wilmington.

As the last echo of the summoning bell died away, the rector, Rev. R. B. Sutton entered the chancel, and at the same moment through the

Church door and up the aisle, arm and arm, walked the young couple. The groom was in full regimentals, with his dress uniform, sash and sword, which are now cherished by his family; the bride in a wedding gown of two shades of lilac silk, with a cape of lace. Her bonnet a tiny poke, violet trimmed, tied under her chin, was of white leghorn and satin. No "best man", no "bridesmaid", no "flowers."

After the marriage was solomized, these two young people who had been made one, after "God's Holy Ordinance", quietly took their seats with the congregation and went through the morning prayer service as though being married was an ordinary event.

#### STATISTICAL.

St. Bartholomew's Parish, Pittsboro, N. C.

A copy: Parochial Report, Jan. 1, 32 to Dec. 31, 1932.

Rector, Royal G. Shannonhouse, Clerk D. L. Bell, Treas. Will L. London, Warden, A. H. London, Geo. R. Pilkington. S. S. Supt, D. L. Bell. Baptisms. 1 child, Confirmations: 2 fem.. Marriage 1 Burials 2. Families 19, Individuals 2, Confirmed Persons 42, Bap. Persons 57. Services Sundays 42, Other days 15, Holy Communion 14, other 3. Church School Teachers 2 m. 2 fem. Pupils 12-6. Bible 4-4-30. Womans Auxiliary 13, Jr. Bhd. St. Andrews 6.

#### RECEIPTS:

|                         |           |         |
|-------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Plate Collections ..... | \$ 242.08 |         |
| Pledges .....           | 1030.50   |         |
| Interest .....          | 45.00     | 131.58  |
| For Diocesan .....      |           | 325.45  |
| For Special .....       |           | 3.65    |
| From Legacies.....      | 150.00    | 150.00  |
| Total .....             |           | 1804.13 |

#### DISBURSEMENTS:

|                               |           |         |
|-------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Salary Clergy .....           | \$1000.00 |         |
| Fuel Etc. ....                | 18.00     |         |
| Sexton .....                  | 18.00     | 1036.00 |
| Bishop .....                  |           | 10.18   |
| Insurance .....               |           | 36.00   |
| Pensions .....                |           | 90.30   |
| Ep. Conting. ....             |           | 130.00  |
| Repairs .....                 | 12.00     | 1314.48 |
| Gen. Ch. Program .....        |           | 325.45  |
| Special outside .....         |           | 3.65    |
| Purchases of Securities ..... | 150.00    | 150.00  |
| Total disbursements .....     |           | 1793.58 |
| Balance .....                 |           | 10.55   |
| Sum Total .....               |           | 1804.13 |

#### PROPERTY

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| Church Value ..... | \$5,000.00 |
| Rectory .....      | 4,000.00   |
| Land .....         | 1,000.00   |

|                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Church Furniture ..... | 2,000.00                |
| Total .....            | 12,000.00               |
| Insured .....          | 3,000.00                |
| Insured .....          | 3,000.00                |
| Insured .....          | 500.00                  |
| Total Insured .....    | 6,500.00                |
| No Indebtedness        | Invested Funds \$950.00 |

### THE CHURCH MEMBERSHIP OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S

Rector's Report--The State of the Church January 1st, 1933.

NOTE: "Ux" means "his wife". B. is "Baptized". C. is "Confirmed"

X. is Non Member.

Daniel Long Bell c.

Allie Peoples ux. c.

Betty Peoples b.

Allie Peoples b.

Daniel Long b.

Mrs. Mattie Ihrie Calvert c.

William J. c.

Mrs. James H. Cordon c.

James Telfair c.

Betsey London b.

Mrs. Camilla Hill c.

Azile c.

Mrs. Mary Ellis Hunt c.

William, Charlotte b.

Wilmer, ux.

Cooper Harris b.

Willie Sutphin ux. c.

Thomas C. c.

Benjamin c.

William b.

Mary Alice b.

Joseph b.

John Robert b.

Catherine Elizabeth b.

Nancy Strowd b.

Vander Johnson c.

Carrie Hill ux. c.

Camilla Ihrie c.

Betty b.

Nathaniel Hill b.

Thomas J. Morgan c.

Miriam Chapin ux. x.

Mrs. Laura Brewer Morgan c.

Willam Brewer c.

Fletcher C. Mann b. x.

Birdie Outlaw ux. c.

Fletcher Cullen b.

Henry Nooe x.

Margaret Brooks ux. c.

Henry, Jr. c.

Mrs. Woodson Lea Powell c.

Joe Moffett, b. Lexington

Camilla Powell Moffett ux. c.

Woodson Lea c.

Nathaniel Hill c.

James Foster c.

Peter Ross b.

George R. Pilkington c.

Victor Johnson b. x.

Nellie Pilkington ux. c.

Eleanor Winfrey b.

George Pilkington

June Peoples x.b.

Pauline Taylor ux. c.

Sewiers Ann

Mrs. Mattie Gunter Riddle c.

Hasty Wilson c.

Vivian c.

Samuel Lawrence b.

Mrs. Mattie Exline Lanius c.  
James c.

Arthur Hill London c.  
Elizabeth Foushee ux. c.  
Dr. Arthur Hill, Jr. c. Durham  
Jean Brinson ux c. Durham  
Arthur Hill, 3rd b. Durham  
Lawrence Foushee c.  
John Haughton c.  
Elizabeth Foushee b.  
Fred Williams c.

William Lord London c.  
Frances Thompson ux. b. x.  
William Lord, Jr. b.

Rev. Royal G. Shannonhouse c.  
Martha Fredriksen ux. c.  
Norma Fredriksen c.  
Royal Graham Jr. c. Greensboro  
Mary Sue Poe ux. c. Greensboro  
Royal Graham 3rd b. Greensboro  
Renaud Capers c.

George Lucas Taylor c.  
Molly Frances Wolfe ux. c.  
Stella ux. c.

Caro White c.

Edward Brior c.

Captain John Jackson London c.  
Genevieve Scully ux. b.

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### FINALLY BRETHREN

Grateful thanks is hereby extended to all the contributors to this history. It seems fitting that many, and those better fitted, rather than one alone should do the actual writing. The cross section idea. Even so it is probable that some more writers might have been engaged, or that some person or event etc. has been omitted unintentionally, that should have been included. If so please forgive, and remember that the rector has been begging you for many months not to let him leave out any thing. And he has spent more time in writing letters than would have been necessary to write the entire history himself.

While it is a great disappointment that Bishop Cheshire, with his wonderfully stored memory, could not write his part of the story because of death overtaking him last December, it is nevertheless alive with his personality in the four tributes he gives on the occasions of memorials, in several places in the preceding pages. He would have rejoiced to be with us on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of this parish, for he lived through more than half of the period himself, and knew the times more than any one in the state.

Personally, the rector and his family can conscientiously affirm here with great gratitude and appreciation, that our years, (eight) spent in this parish have been the happiest and the busiest and most satisfactory of any period of our ministry. Which is to imply more than words can express, our high opinion of our church members and friends and all other connections hereabouts. Some day perhaps an autobiography may be written. But not here or now. Again, thank you, and "well done" fellow contributors, and God bless you and prosper the work of your hands.









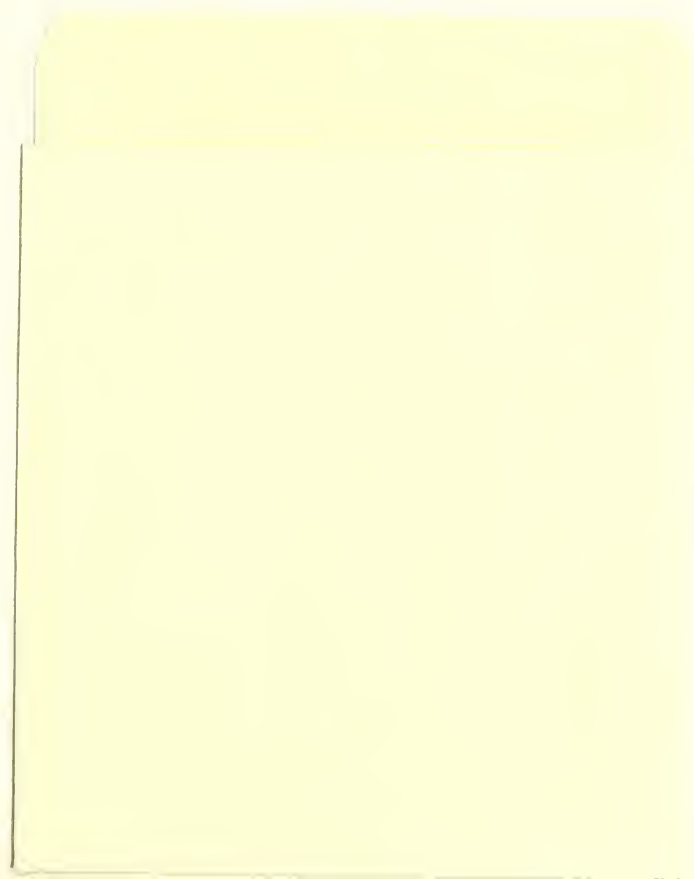






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